

# *East Longmeadow Conservation Commission*

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## Minutes of August 10, 2016

Present were: Chair, Michael Carabetta; Clerk, Craig Jernstrom, Rene Reich-Graefe, William Arment and Anthony Zampiceni. Thomas O'Brien and Robert Sheets were not present.

### Public Hearing Notice of Intent — Michael Kane, 39 Prospect Hills Drive

Chair, Michael Carabetta opened the public hearing for 39 Prospect Hills Drive. Clerk, Craig Jernstrom read the legal notice into the record.

Present were Pete Levesque, Wetland Consultants, Inc. and Michael Kane, Applicant.

Mr. Levesque said that a Notice of Intent was filed for the construction of a house at 39 Prospect Hills Drive and a DEP file number has been issued. He said the original delineations were done in the 1980's and a Notice of Intent was filed in the late 1990's using the older line requested at that time by the Commission. Mr. Levesque said that an Order of Conditions was issued but has since expired and Mr. Kane is now ready to construct a home. He said that the site is on the east side of Prospect Hills Drive and is just under an acre and there are semblances of intermittent streams running through it with moderate flows. Mr. Levesque said that there is a bank on the intermittent stream and bordering vegetated wetlands and said that the site was delineated by soils and vegetation and flagged. Mr. Levesque said the proposed work is for a single family home that will be served by town water and town sewer with a driveway and lawn area. He said that house is surrounded by residential to the east and there is a wetland with some intermittent streams. Mr. Levesque said since there is an existing soil pile from previous excavation they are proposing to put an initial erosion control line behind the soil piles. He said once the foundation is installed that soil would be brought up and used for back fill and grading around the house. Mr. Levesque said the area within the 25 foot buffer would then be graded and then seeded with a wild flower conservation mix and a second erosion control line will be placed along the 25 foot buffer which would be the limit of work line and along that line lolly columns will be placed at each turn.

Mr. Carabetta addressed the Commission for any questions or concerns.

Mr. Jernstrom asked if the wetland delineation that was done varies from the original one.

Mr. Levesque said yes it does because since the original delineation a lot of things have changed but the most important thing is the criteria by which the lines were delineated.

Mr. Jernstrom said that he believes in the original application most of the limit of work line was using a 50 foot buffer zone as opposed to a 25 foot, is that correct.

Mr. Levesque said that was incorrect and said that it was a variable buffer 25 to 50 feet, one end was a 25 foot buffer and the other end was 50 feet. He said that the 50 foot buffer was a mechanism that was used by previous Boards inappropriately but at this point it is a moot point as far as 50 foot buffers go.

Mr. Carabetta addressed the audience for any questions.

Arne Arnesen, 24 Old Pasture Drive said that he wanted to express that the lot looks horrible and asked how the lot was disturbed to begin with and why there weren't any issues before.

Mr. Carabetta said unfortunately all of that was done before any of the current members were on the Commission and apologized because historically they would have to go back to find out. He addressed the Commission for any further questions or comments.

Mr. Jernstrom commented that he is not extremely fond of 25 foot buffer zones and would like to see a little bit more of a buffer.

There being no further discussion and upon motion duly made by William Arment and seconded by Rene Reich-Graefe, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to close the public hearing. Upon motion duly made by William Arment and seconded by Rene Reich-Graefe, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the project with conditions at 39 Prospect Hills Drive for Michel Kane.

#### Erosion Maintenance — Fiber Utility line rear of Stop & Shop

Mr. Carabetta read into the record a letter from Dan Murphy, Town Engineer with regard to material erosion discovered on a steep bank pathway leading down to a headwall behind Stop & Shop. Mr. Murphy said in order to stop the fiber line from becoming exposed they are going to lower & key some precast blocks into the bank above the headwall. The work will have no impact to the resource area below the headwall.

#### Follow up regarding yard debris — 3 Kingston Avenue

Mr. Carabetta said that James Zarlengo of 3 Kingston Avenue went into the office and spoke with Ms. Macdonald because he was very upset at the letters the Commission sent him with regard to yard debris and piles of glass dumped in the wetland area and trespassing on his property. He said that he is going to go back out to the site and talk with Mr. Zarlengo and ask him politely to remove the debris and express to him that they were not trespassing on his property in fact they were on property owned by Lemon & Lemon on Euclid Avenue.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Rene Reich Graefe and seconded by William Arment, the Commission voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of May 25, 2016

Upon motion duly made by William Arment and seconded by Anthony Zampiceni, the Commission voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of June 22, 2016.

Upon motion duly made by Craig Jernstrom and seconded by Rene Reich Graefe, the Commission voted to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

For the Commission,

Craig Jernstrom, Clerk