

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern Time

Place: School Committee Conference Room
East Longmeadow High School, 180 Maple St., East Longmeadow, MA

MINUTES

Chair O'Brien opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Tom O'Brien, Chair
William Arment, Vice Chair
Michael Carabetta
Anthony Zampiceni

Absent: Elizabeth Stoughton, Clerk
Daniel Rosen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 8, 2021

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Vice Chair Will Arment and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0).

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

1. **CC 2021-14 (Mass DEP File # 150-0409):** Request for Certificate of Compliance for Lot 6, 39 Pondview Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 58-1-D). Applicant: James Channing, 39 Pondview Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Petitioner James Channing was present for discussion. The Commission expressed no concerns with the request.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Michael Carabetta; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Vote and Ratification of Enforcement Order: 365 Pease Road** (Assessor's Parcel ID 32-46-14R) for violation by Pasquale and Filomena Liquori for alteration of the stream bank and failure to obtain an Order of Conditions for work conducted within the riverfront area in violation of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA; 310 CMR 10.00).

Petitioner was present for discussion and stated grass had been planted at the disturbed site on 9/22. The Chair explained the purpose of the Wetlands Protection Act, 310 CMR 10.01. Petitioner further explained they had bought the property 6 months prior, had erected a small bridge over the stream. The Commission maintained concern that a heavy vehicle had disturbed the riverfront based on their observations from an initial site visit. **Motion to continue the matter to October 13, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting to allow for a second site visit by Commissions made by Vice Chair William Arment; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by roll call four (4)-zero (0).**

3. **Vote and Ratification of Enforcement Order: 383 Porter Road** (Assessor's Parcel ID 70-50-0) for violation by Timothy JR Carlin for alteration of the river bank of South Branch Mill River and failure to obtain an Order of Conditions for work conducted within the Riverfront area in violation of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA; CMR 10.00).

Petitioner was unable to attend due to Covid-19 concerns with attending the in-person meeting. The Commission determined a Notice of Intent would be required for the work done in violation at the site and would work with the

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Department of Environmental Protection as needed moving forward to ensure the site is brought into compliance.

Motion to request the petitioner to file a Notice of Intent pertaining to the work done made by Vice Chair William Arment; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]

- 275 Hampden Road

Chair Tom O'Brien and Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni reported on site visit findings: Four large white pines located within a swamp-y backyard showed potential for falling toward the home if a high wind event occurred. Discussion ensued and concluded with the Commission's recommendation that the homeowner pursue a Request for Determination of Applicability to have the trees felled. Planning Director confirmed she would contact the homeowner to inform them of the recommendation.

- Hidden Ponds

The Commission discussed a complaint received by DEP regarding the infiltration basin at Hidden Ponds. The Commission determined a site visit was needed to confirm the structure and function of the infiltration basin was in accordance to the plans. Vice Chair Will Arment offered to conduct a site visit prior to the next meeting date and update the Commission on his findings thru the Planning Director.

- 11 Oak Brook Drive

The Commission discussed another complaint received by DEP regarding a retaining wall previously constructed with potential for being built in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act. A site visit was scheduled for 10/13 prior at 6 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

Chair Tom O'Brien noted that he had received a notice of resignation from the Commission by Commissioner Daniel Rosen due to personal schedule conflicts. No other concerns or comments raised regarding the policies and procedures of the Conservation Commission.

ADJOURN Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).