

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM Eastern Time

Place: School Committee Conference Room

East Longmeadow High School, 180 Maple St., East Longmeadow, MA

MINUTES

Chair Tom O'Brien opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Present Thomas O'Brien, Chair
 Elizabeth Stoughton, Clerk
 Anthony Zampiceni
 Michael Carabetta (arrived at 6:04 PM)
 Nick Turnberg
Absent William Arment, Vice Chair

Staff Present Nina Fazio, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

Chair Tom O'Brien welcomed Nick Turnberg to the Conservation Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 12, 2022

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Clerk Liz Stoughton and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

1. **Case RDA 2022-1: Request for Determination of Applicability at 330 Chestnut Street** (Assessor's Parcel ID 18-38-0) for whether the boundaries of resource area(s) depicted on plans are accurately delineated and whether the area and/or work depicted on plans is subject to the jurisdiction of East Longmeadow General Bylaw Section 10.012(B). Applicant: JMP Management, LLC, 160 Essex Street Suite 210, Lodi, NJ 07644

The applicant was not present for discussion. Commissioner Mike Carabetta discussed his findings at a site visit conducted on January 26, 2022. Administrative Assistant Nina Fazio read Town General Bylaw 10.012(B), Conservation Commission Jurisdiction, into the record. Chair Tom O'Brien stated he believes both of the statements in the Request for Determination of Applicability would receive a positive determination; Commissioner Mike Carabetta concurred.

Motion for a Determination of Applicability, with a positive two determination, made by Commissioner Mike Carabetta; second by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Case:** Request to complete emergency repairs on a failed detention basin at 24-30 North Main Street (Assessor's Parcel ID 26-4-0) in the East Longmeadow Center Village. Applicant: VHB, Inc., 1 Federal Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

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John Furman of VHB, Inc. was present for discussion. Mr. Furman provided a presentation that detailed the existing conditions of the detention basin and sediment forebay, the reasons for failure, and the repairs needed. Chair Tom O'Brien asked for wattles to be added to the petitioner's plans for repairs. The Commission unanimously agreed emergency repairs are needed. Chair Tom O'Brien signed a letter stating emergency approval has been granted.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Request for Amendment of Order of Conditions (MassDEP File # 150-0393) for 108 Old Farm Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 42-21-27) filed under the Wetlands Protection Act, DWW Policy 85-4 and Town of East Longmeadow Wetlands Bylaw. Applicant: Ralph Capua, 108 Old Farm Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

108 Old Farm Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 42-21-27) is now 30 Old Pasture Drive.

Ralph Capua was present for discussion. Mr. Capua submitted revised conservation plans prepared by Michael Mocko dated January 25, 2022. The revisions include a new limit of work line, new placement of the retaining wall, and drainage characteristics, among other things. Chair Tom O'Brien asked for some rocks to be moved so that there is no damming. Chair Tom O'Brien asked for some work to begin before spring breaks.

Motion to amend the Order of Conditions for Mass DEP File #150-0393 based on the revised conservation plans prepared by Michael Mocko dated January 25, 2022 made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Mike Carabetta and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

1. Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]
 - 108 Old Farm Road

Ralph Capua was present for discussion. Administrative Assistant Nina Fazio stated the DPW Water and Sewer Admin submitted photos of water and mud runoff coming from 108 Old Farm Road (30 Old Pasture Drive; Assessor's Parcel ID 42-21-27) leading into the road. The storm water foreman asked Mr. Capua to reinstall his compromised silt fence on January 13, 2022. Commissioner Tony Zampiceni stated the road was clean and he saw no further runoff at his site visit.

- 383 Porter Road

At their January 12, 2022 meeting, the Commission issued a fine of \$300 for violation of Town General Bylaw 10.012(B) and sent a letter requesting the homeowner's presence at the January 26, 2022 meeting. The homeowner, Timothy Carlin, was not present for discussion. The Commission voiced their concern for the homeowner's disregard for the wetlands. Chair Tom O'Brien restated the violations the Commission has witnessed at 383 Porter Road. Chair Tom O'Brien stated the homeowner recently laid drainage pipes that run around this property and lead into the brook, as well as a spillway that leads into

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the brook. Chair Tom O'Brien reiterated that this work was done without permitting and the homeowner has not come before the Commission to receive approval for any alterations to resource areas. The Commission opened discussion on issuing a second fine to Mr. Carlin for violation of Town General Bylaw 10.012(B). The Commission unanimously decided to issue Mr. Carlin a fine of \$300 and to send a letter requesting his attendance at their next meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Chair Tom O'Brien signed the Notice of Violation.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

- Approval of 2021 Annual Report

The Commission voiced their approval of the 2021 Annual Report. Chair Tom O'Brien asked for Commissioner Nick Turnberg's name to be added in the signature portion.

Motion to approve the 2021 Annual Report made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Clerk Liz Stoughton and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0)

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Clerk Liz Stoughton; second by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0) at 6:41 PM.