

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 9, 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 6:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Present Thomas O'Brien, Chair
 Elizabeth Stoughton, Clerk
 Anthony Zampiceni
 Michael Carabetta
 Nicholas Turnberg
Absent William Arment, Vice Chair

Staff Present Nina Fazio, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 26, 2022

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

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

1. **CC 2022-2 (Mass DEP File #150-0428):** Request for a Partial Certificate of Compliance for 13 Hidden Ponds Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-12), Lot 12 in the Hidden Ponds Estates. Applicant: Robert and Giuseppina DeMaria, 13 Hidden Ponds Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The applicants were not present for discussion. Chair Tom O'Brien stated that the request for Certificate of Compliance was accompanied by a letter of approval from Mike Smith of Smith Associates Land Surveyors. Clerk Liz Stoughton stated she visited the property and saw no issues.

Motion to approve the Partial Certificate of Compliance made by Commissioner Mike Carabetta; second by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion of proposed test pits located at the Allen Street Landfill (Assessor's Parcel ID 72-12C-0). Petitioner: Town of East Longmeadow Department of Public Works

Tom Christensen, DPW Deputy Superintendent, was present for discussion. Mr. Christensen presented plans to dig test pits at the Allen Street Landfill to delineate the limits of waste. This work was not previously included in the DPW bundled NOI.

Commissioner Mike Carabetta expressed concern with the test pit in the right rear corner of the parcel

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and suggested installing silt fence. Chair Tom O'Brien suggested that wattles and silt fence downhill from the test pits would be beneficial. Chair Tom O'Brien asked when these test pits would be dug. Mr. Christensen stated they would be dug as soon as possible, weather permitting. Mr. Christensen reiterated that a representative from the DEP would be on site for every test pit.

The Commission unanimously concurred that the test pits need to happen and allowed the DPW permission to dig them, with the addition of silt fence and wattles being used where applicable.

PROJECT MONITORING

- 383 Porter Road

Chair Tom O'Brien recounted the current violations the Commission has witnessed at this property, which include drainage pipes that surround the property and lead directly into the brook. Chair Tom O'Brien stated the purpose of these pipes is to pump water from the homeowner's basement into the resource area. The Commission reiterated that the homeowner has not received permitting to do this work. Chair Tom O'Brien recounted previous violations this homeowner has committed. Chair Tom O'Brien stated the homeowner has previously removed trees in the resource area without permitting. The Commission reported this violation to the DEP when it had occurred. Nothing came out of this violation being reported.

The Commission reiterated that they have provided alternative accessibility to the meetings, at the request of the homeowner. The homeowner has not used these alternative resources to attend any meetings remotely.

Commissioner Tony Zampiceni stated he has witnessed heavy machinery on the river bank at this property while this unpermitted work was occurring. The Commission stated they have recently witnessed a high water table in the brook.

The Commission agreed to issue the homeowner another \$300 fine for violation of Town General Bylaw 10.012(B). The Commission will send a letter to the homeowner requesting his presence at their next meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. Failure to attend this meeting and alleviate any violations may result in daily fines from the Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Tony Zampiceni; second by Clerk Liz Stoughton and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0) at 6:28 PM.