

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Webinar



MINUTES

Chair Craig Jernstrom opens the meeting at 6:00 PM and called the roll.

CALL THE ROLL

Present: Craig Jernstrom, Chair
Jeffrey Bosworth, Clerk
Anthony Zampiceni
Frances Corgnati
Elizabeth Stoughton
Absent: Tom O'Brien, Vice Chair
Staff Present: Bethany Yeo, Planning & Community Development Director
Rebecca Jones, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 27, 2021

Motion to approve minutes made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Frances Corgnati and approved by roll call vote six (6)-zero (0).

PUBLIC MEETING:

- 1. Case RDA 2021-2: Request for Determination of Applicability for 16 Winterberry Lane** (Assessor's Parcel ID 70-21-3) for the installation of 18x36 +/- ft in ground pool within an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act. Applicant Representative: Evelyn Delaney, Juliano's Pools, 321 Talcottville Road, Vernon, CT 06066.

Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth read the legal notice into the record. Applicant representative Tim Goodale of Juliano Pools was present for discussion. The commissioners discussed the proposed boundaries for the pool installation and its approximation to the habitat of rare wildlife. Mr. Goodale explained that off the perimeter of the pool there will be 15 feet of disturbance into maintained lawn. The fence will add an additional four to five feet depending on the back side of the patio. Mr. Goodale stated that the entire project will still leave an additional 25 feet away from the habitat delineation. Chairman Jernstrom confirmed that the work will not exceed 20 feet of disturbance to create the pool. The project is stated for early spring weather permitting. Commissioner Corgnati asked for a clearer site plan to review. Commissioner Arment requested that the proposed project be staked out for the commissioners to review at a site visit. Chairman Jernstrom opined that conditions should be added to this filing, which include a site visit to inspect the erosion controls prior to the commencement of work. Mr. Goodale was agreeable and shared a few of the company's typical erosion control procedures. The commissioners discussed a tentative timeline to accommodate a site visit.

Motion to continue this public meeting until the February 24, 2021 meeting made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth and was approved by roll call vote of six (6) - zero (0).

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. **Case OOC 2021-1: Request for an Amended Order of Conditions** (Mass DEP File #150-0441) for 17 Redstone Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-17) filed under the Wetlands Protection Act, DWW Policy 85-4 and Town of East Longmeadow Wetlands By-law for the approval to remove existing house and construct a new house. Applicant: Redstone Ponds, LLC P.O. Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Clerk Bosworth read the legal notice into the record. Applicant Al Joyce was present for discussion. Mr. Joyce explained that an Order of Conditions was issued in May 2019 and that this lot has an abandoned house on site. While the house was structurally sound, it has been frequented by vandals. Windows were broken allowing stormwater to enter and the home is now has a mold problem along with rodents. Mr. Joyce has decided the home is beyond repair and would like to remove the existing house and build a new home, which will be 27 feet away from the limit of work line.

Chairman Jernstrom entertained comments from the Commission. He began about the proposed changes in grade to the lot. Mr. Joyce noted that it currently is fairly level. He aims to grade down at the front of the new house approximately 27 feet further from the existing house. The drop will remain the same at the limit of work line but will be more gradual. Commissioner Arment explained that on the original plans there is a seven foot elevation change from the front of the house to the rear where the deck would be. The new house would have six foot elevation change from the front to the rear of the proposed house and is 27 feet further away from the wetlands. Commissioner Arment confirmed with Mr. Joyce that after grading, this will become a mobile slope which will retain growth. Commissioner Arment expressed satisfaction with the plan as proposed as it will reduce the flow of water heading towards the wetlands. Mr. Joyce confirmed that while the size of the build has yet to be determined, most of the homes in this development are approximately 1200 square feet 2 story homes and he expects this one to follow suit. No further comment from the Commission.

Motion to approve the Amended Order of Conditions made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner William Arment and was approved by roll call vote of five (5) - zero (0). Commissioner Elizabeth Stoughton recused herself.

EXTENSION OF ORDER OF CONDITIONS

*No submittals at this time.

PROJECT MONITORING

Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]

- a. Brownstone Gardens III

Chairman Jernstrom referenced a recent email discussing the basin and directed the Commission to review for discussion at a later date.

- b. 216 Somers Road/Jeffrey Lane South

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Chairman Jernstrom opined that an Amendment to the Order of Conditions may be more appropriate than an Extension because there are several months left until this order expires. He notified the Commissioners that he was contacted by the applicant to do a site visit but feels as though it is unnecessary. Clerk Bosworth agreed and expressed concerns about the discrepancies between the plans as approved and the actual work that is being done. Planning and Community Development Director Bethany Yeo shared the procedural history of this filing with the Planning Board and noted that the applicant should have gone back to the Conservation Commission with the revised plans to discuss the potential of filing a new Notice of Intent. Clerk Bosworth referenced the September 26, 2018 meeting minutes and suggested the Commissioners review for a more thorough understanding.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Approval of Draft 2020 Annual Town Report

Chairman Jernstrom confirmed all commissioners reviewed the draft submitted by Ms. Yeo. No further comment.

Motion to approve the 2020 Annual Report for the Conservation Commissioner made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of six (6) - zero (0).

- Neighborhood Outreach Projects Grant

Ms. Yeo is working off comments from Commissioner Corgnati and will be making a PowerPoint presentation to send out to the Commissioners for review and comment. Commissioner Corgnati feels as though that working with Pecousic Brook abutters would fit well with the parameters of this grant.

- Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

Chairman Jernstrom requested that the Conservation Commission balance sheet be sent to the Commission on a monthly basis. Clerk Bosworth requested an itemized balance sheet of each expenditure and revenue per account. He also questioned the decision of allocation of funds to each account. Ms. Yeo will work with the Accounting Department to facilitate this request.

Ms. Yeo also reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Master Plan Visioning Session and invited them to attend.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by roll call vote six (6)-zero (0) at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca Jones
Planning and Community Development Administrative Assistant