

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM Eastern Time

Place: School Committee Conference Room

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

MINUTES

Vice Chair Will Arment opened the meeting at 6:05 PM.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff Present Nina Fazio, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 23, 2022

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Case NOI 2022-1:** Notice of Intent for 43 South Bend Lane (Assessor's Parcel ID 54-6-0) for the construction of a 23 lot residential subdivision subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Applicant: Marlene Goldstein, 35 South Bend Lane, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Applicant Marlene Goldstein, Carl Perella, and Rob Levesque were present for discussion. Mr. Levesque presented the details of the Notice of Intent. Mr. Levesque stated this NOI was for the streets, basins, and stormwater systems; separate NOIs will be filed for individual lots. Mr. Levesque addressed questions raised by the DEP. Vice Chair Will Arment expressed some concerns regarding the grading of lots close to buffer zones. Commissioner Michael Carabetta asked for a cut and fill plan to be provided.

Vice Chair Will Arment opened the hearing to the public.

Craig Jernstrom, 49 Weber Street, Springfield, MA spoke during the public hearing. Mr. Jernstrom raised questions on the distance of the limit of work line within the buffer zone. Mr. Levesque stated he will submit a more detailed limit of work line that is specific to this NOI; further limit of work lines will be delineated as individual lots file NOIs.

A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 8:00am.

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Motion to continue the public hearing to the next meeting of the Conservation Commission made by Commissioner Mike Carabetta; second by Clerk Liz Stoughton and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

1. **Case RDA 2022-2:** Request for Determination of Applicability for Lots 34, 35, 36, 37, 44, 45, 46 of Angel Street and Lots 48 and 49 of Phyllis Street Applicant: Charles, William & Kimberly Arment, 7 Angel Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Vice Chair Will Arment recused himself from this agenda item.

Wetland Consultant Heather Comee was present for discussion on behalf of the applicants. Ms. Comee presented the wetland delineation across the nine lots. Ms. Comee stated the resource areas on the nine lots are bordering vegetative wetlands and isolated wetlands; no resource area was of priority or estimated habitat, or within flood zone. Ms. Comee stated there was no work proposed at this time.

Commissioner Michael Carabetta asked if there was anyone from the public that had questions regarding the RDA.

Linda Dimetres, 8 Phyllis Street, expressed concern for the water table. Commissioner Michael Carabetta reiterated there is no work proposed at this time; the water table will be addressed during a filing of an NOI.

Motion for a Positive 1 and 2A determination made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

Motion to authorize Nina Fazio to sign on their behalf made by Commissioner Nick Turnberg; second by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

EXTENSION PERMITS

1. **Case EP 2022-1:** Request for Extension Permit for Order of Conditions Mass DEP File #150-0440 at Lot 16 Hidden Ponds Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-16). Applicant: Redstone Ponds, LLC, PO Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The applicant was not present for discussion. The Commission had no concerns with the request for extension.

Motion to approve the request for extension made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

Motion to authorize Nina Fazio to sign on their behalf made by Clerk Liz Stoughton; second by

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Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

- 2. Case EP 2022-2:** Request for Extension Permit for Order of Conditions Mass DEP File #150-0442 at Lot 18 Redstone Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-18). Applicant: Redstone Ponds, LLC, PO Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The applicant was not present for discussion. The Commission had no concerns with the request for extension.

Motion to approve the request for extension made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

Motion to authorize Nina Fazio to sign on their behalf made by Clerk Liz Stoughton; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

- 3. Case EP 2022-3:** Request for Extension Permit for Order of Conditions Mass DEP File #150-0445 at Lots 12, 13, 14, and 15 Hidden Ponds Drive (Assessor's Parcel IDs 23-77-12, 13, 14, 15). Applicant: Redstone Ponds, LLC, PO Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The applicant was not present for discussion. The Commission had no concerns with the request for extension.

Motion to approve the request for extension made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

Motion to authorize Nina Fazio to sign on their behalf made by Clerk Liz Stoughton; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

- 4. Case EP 2022-4:** Request for Extension Permit for Order of Conditions Mass DEP File #150-0446 at Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11 Hidden Ponds Drive (Assessor's Parcel IDs 23-77-4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11). Applicant: Redstone Ponds, LLC, PO Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The applicant was not present for discussion. The Commission had no concerns with the request for extension.

Motion to approve the request for extension made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

Motion to authorize Nina Fazio to sign on their behalf made by Clerk Liz Stoughton; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

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5. **Case EP 2022-5:** Request for Extension Permit for Order of Conditions Mass DEP File #150-0447 at Lot 2 Hidden Ponds Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-2). Applicant: Redstone Ponds, LLC, PO Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The applicant was not present for discussion. The Commission had no concerns with the request for extension.

Motion to approve the request for extension made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

Motion to authorize Nina Fazio to sign on their behalf made by Clerk Liz Stoughton; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

- 383 Porter Road

Tim Carlin, 383 Porter Road, was present for discussion. The Commission asked Mr. Carlin to explain the violations they have witnessed at his property. Mr. Carlin stated his basement regularly floods so he dug a trench around his house and laid drainage pipes from his basement to the ground behind his house. Vice Chair Will Arment stated the Commission had concerns regarding this work being done in the resource area without permitting. Vice Chair Will Arment stated Mr. Carlin dug right into the brook so that water would be dumped into the brook. Mr. Carlin stated the pipe leads to the ground. Vice Chair Will Arment stated he has seen the pipe lead to the brook from driving by the site. Commissioner Mike Carabetta asked Mr. Carlin where the water discharges. Mr. Carlin stated the pipe leads into the ground. Vice Chair Will Arment asked how that works if the water is leading back to the saturated ground that causes the flooding to begin with. Mr. Carlin stated the pump leads from his basement down into the ground, not the brook. Vice Chair Will Arment stated it is not possible for the water to be pumped into the ground, as the pump would fail.

Vice Chair Will Arment asked to conduct a site visit to witness where the pipe leads. Mr. Carlin agreed to set up a date and time for a site visit with the Commission over email.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

Administrative Assistant Nina Fazio stated a resident at 28 Winding Brook Lane requested a site visit to receive permission to remove trees between his house and some wetlands. Vice Chair Will Arment and Commissioner Mike Carabetta offered to conduct a site visit.

Administrative Assistant Nina Fazio stated some residents of Enfield, CT made complaints to the Planning Department and to the DEP regarding a parcel on Deer Park Drive. Vice Chair Will Arment

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stated his family owns this parcel and clarified there is no active clearing of land going on. Vice Chair Will Arment stated the trees that were previously approved to be cleared in 2018 are just being grinded down now. Vice Chair Will Arment emphasized that DEP has been to the site before and has expressed no concerns.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0) at 7:05 PM.