

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM Eastern Time

Place: School Committee Conference Room

MINUTES

Chair William Arment opened the meeting at 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Present William Arment, Chair
Elizabeth Stoughton, Vice Chair
Michael Carabetta, Clerk
Nicholas Turnberg (arrived at 6:05 PM)
Anthony Zampiceni

Absent Thomas O'Brien

Staff Present Nina Fazio, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 8, 2023

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Vice Chair Elizabeth Stoughton and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

- 264, 280, and 294 North Main Street

Mike Patrakis, 264 North Main Street, and Chris Buendo, 280 North Main Street, were present for discussion. The Commission summarized the findings of their joint site visit held with the Town Engineer on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 10:00am. Chair William Arment noted an unmaintained detention basin on 280 North Main Street and a lack of sufficient number of catch basins in the parking lot of 264 North Main Street, which is causing severe erosion across the three (3) properties and a Town sewer easement. The Commission stressed urgency due to the proximity of the erosion to the sewer main on North Main Street. Chair William Arment explained future mitigation efforts and what remediation is required from both properties to prevent future erosion. The Commission will ask the DPW to determine if the sewer easement between 280 and 264 North Main Street is active and if it is in need of repair. Mr. Patrakis and Mr. Buendo both expressed willingness to work with the Town to remediate the issue. The Commission requested this issue be resolved by October 1, 2023. A follow up site visit was scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 11:00am.

- 383 Porter Road

The Commission has not received outreach from the property owner to bring the site up to compliance. The Commission will continue to be in contact with the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) regarding their Letter of Non-Compliance issued to the property. The Commission will continue to issue daily fines in the amount of \$300 for the unpermitted alteration of a resource area pursuant to Town of East Longmeadow General Bylaw §424-11(B).

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OTHER BUSINESS

1. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission
 - a. East Longmeadow Earth Day Town Cleanup- April 8, 2023

The Commission discussed the upcoming Earth Day Town Cleanup hosted by the Health Department and encouraged any residents interested to sign up as volunteers. Some areas of interest to the Commission include Heritage Park and stream crossings on Porter Road.

- b. Arbor Day- April 28, 2023

The Commission will donate one (1) tree each to Mapleshade Elementary School and Mountain View Elementary School for Arbor Day.

- c. Upcoming meeting dates

The Commission discussed attendance at their upcoming May 10, 2023 meeting. The Commission elected to no longer hold the annual meeting preceding Thanksgiving Day, unless an emergency filing requires their attention.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nicholas Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0) at 6:28 PM.