

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 23, 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
Absent	William Arment, Vice Chair
	Nicholas Turnberg

Staff Present Nina Fazio, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 9, 2022

Motion to approve made by Clerk Elizabeth Stoughton; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by unanimous vote three (3)-zero (0). Chair Tom O'Brien abstained from voting due to his absence at the March 9, 2022 meeting.

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 (Continued from 3/9/2022).

Property owner Marlene Goldstein and Rob Levesque of R. Levesque Associates were present for discussion. Mr. Levesque presented further details on the grading on the roadways. Mr. Levesque recapped the information presented at the site visit.

Chair Tom O'Brien asked about the phases of clearing and grading. Mr. Levesque stated the land would be cleared to the silt fence and fill would be brought in as minimally needed to get the roadways up to grade. Mr. Levesque clarified individual NOIs will be filed for each lot with different grading plans. Chair Tom O'Brien asked about erosion controls around the detention basins. Mr. Levesque provided information on the equipment that will be used to mitigate erosion. Commissioner Mike Carabetta asked about the ownership of the storm water parcels. Mr. Levesque stated the decision of that is up to the Planning Board.

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Craig Jernstrom, 49 Weber Street, Springfield, MA spoke during the public hearing. Mr. Jernstrom raised concern on a lack of day-to-day project monitoring and suggested a peer review of the application.

R. Levesque offered a Special Condition that encapsulates project monitoring within the storm water system project monitoring. Chair Tom O'Brien accepted that Special Condition.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Mike Carabetta and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

The Commission discussed details of the Special Conditions and project monitoring.

Motion to approve the Notice of Intent made by Commissioner Mike Carabetta; second by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

- 2. Case NOI 2022-2:** Notice of Intent for 24-30 North Main Street (Assessor's Parcel ID 26-4-0) for work related to the restoration of an existing detention basin subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Applicant: East Longmeadow Center Village LLP, 40 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01118

Jeff Galarneau of VHB, Inc. was present for discussion. Mr. Galarneau recapped the reasons for failure of the detention basin which lead to an emergency order being issued by the Commission in January 2022. Mr. Galarneau provided details on how the existing detention basin will be repaired and maintained in order to prevent future clogging.

Commissioner Tony Zampiceni asked if there was proposed fencing to deter debris from entering the basin. Mr. Galarneau stated there is no fencing proposed at this time. Commissioner Tony Zampiceni expressed concern regarding grease that has gone into the detention basin from neighboring restaurants. Mr. Galarneau stated he is not familiar with the individual tenants of the plaza and is just working to repair the basin. Commissioner Tony Zampiceni and Commissioner Mike Carabetta discussed how the runoff from plaza tenants is connected to the basin. Commissioner Mike Carabetta asked about the existing elevation compared to the proposed elevation.

Chair Tom O'Brien opened the public hearing.

Craig Jernstrom, 49 Weber Street, Springfield, MA spoke during the public hearing. Mr. Jernstrom questioned how long the repairs would take.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Mike Carabetta and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

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There were no further comments or questions from the Commission at this time.

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

PROJECT MONITORING

- 28 Winding Brook Lane

Comments continued to the next meeting of the Commission.

- 383 Porter Road

Commissioners Tony Zampiceni, Will Arment, Nick Turnberg, and Liz Stoughton conducted a site visit on March 17, 2022. Commissioners Tony Zampiceni and Liz Stoughton recapped what they witnessed at the site visit. Commissioners Tom O'Brien and Mike Carabetta recapped what they witnessed from driving by in previous months. The Commission stated they would like to write a letter to DEP requesting their assistance in dealing with this violation. Chair Tom O'Brien recapped previous violations on this property that the Commission has reported to DEP that were not further investigated.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Discussion of OOC 150-0450 at the Porter Road Bridge. Petitioner: East Longmeadow DPW

Tom Christensen from the DPW provided an update on the Order of Conditions. Mr. Christensen stated work has not begun because the town has not received funding from the state. Mr. Christensen reiterated that the Order is valid until Mary 2023 and they anticipate starting work before then.

2. Arbor Day

The Commission will donate trees to Mapleshade Elementary School and Mountain View Elementary School for Arbor Day.

3. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

A Planning Director has been hired and will be in attendance at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Mike Carabetta and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0) at 7:20 PM.