

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM Eastern Time

Place: School Committee Conference Room

MINUTES

Chair William Arment opened the meeting at 6:01 PM

ATTENDANCE

Present William Arment, Chair
Elizabeth Stoughton, Vice Chair
Michael Carabetta, Clerk
Nicholas Turnberg
Anthony Zampiceni
Absent Thomas O'Brien
Staff Present Nina Fazio, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 22, 2023

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nicholas Turnber and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

1. U.S. DOT Immediate Pipeline Dig along the Redstone Rail Trail north of Chestnut Street. Agent: Buckeye Partners L.P. c/o Kiely Engineering

The Commission reviewed a request for Emergency Certification to repair an anomaly located on the Buckeye Pipeline adjacent to the Redstone Rail Trail. The repair is classified as "in need of immediate repair" by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Commissioner Michael Carabetta reviewed the findings of his site visit on April 5, 2023 conducted with the Department of Public Works Deputy Superintendent and Highway Operations Manager. The Commission requested that disturbed soils be re-stabilized, in accordance with the work described in the Emergency Request.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Nicholas Turnber and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

- 383 Porter Road

Chair William Arment reviewed the wetland violations committed by Mr. Tim Carlin of 383 Porter Road and stated that Mr. Carlin has obtained his cell phone number and began sending threatening text messages in response to the Notice of Violations being issued by the Conservation Commission. Planning Director Bailey Mitchell and Town Manager Mary McNally have been notified of the threatening text messages and will investigate a further course of action. The Commission elected to continue issuing daily Notice of Violations in the amount of \$300 in accordance with §424-11(B) for the unpermitted

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alteration of a resource area.

- 264, 280, and 294 North Main Street

The property owners of 264 and 280 North Main Street continue to be agreeable in working with the Town to rectify the erosion damage. Chair William Arment will continue to contact the Department of Public Works to investigate if there is a town owned pipe underneath the erosion damage.

- 61 Devonshire Terrace (DEP File #150-0198)

David Brown, 55 Devonshire Terrace, provided an overview of the Order of Conditions issued to the entirety of Devonshire Terrace (HCRD Bk 9207, Pg 364) and the partial Certificate of Compliance (HCRD Bk 14635, Pg 288). Mr. Brown stated 61 Devonshire Terrace (Lot 6) is uncleared and wooded, and permanent limit of work line markers were installed when the Order of Conditions was issued. Mr. Brown stated he is looking to sell the lot; however, he would like confirmation that the lot is buildable in terms of Conservation Commission jurisdiction. The Commission will conduct a site visit on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:15 PM to confirm the permanent limit of work line markers are identifiable and will continue discussion at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni stated he conducted a site visit to 20 Hampden Road in response to complaints of tree removal along Watchaug Meadows Conservation Area. Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni stated he witnessed a stockpile of logs and took the opportunity to educate the resident on prohibited activities within the resource area and the property line between 20 Hampden Road and the town owned conservation land. The resident ensured the Commission that he will not continue with any further tree removal. The Commission will continue to monitor the site.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission
 - a. Conflict of Interest Training

Administrative Assistant Nina Fazio provided information on the Conflict of Interest Training required of all Town employees and volunteers due June 30, 2023.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Vice Chair Elizabeth Stoughton and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0) at 6:17 PM.