

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 13, 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 6:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Present Thomas O'Brien, Chair
 William Arment, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:03 PM)
 Elizabeth Stoughton, Clerk
 Anthony Zampiceni
 Michael Carabetta
Absent Nicholas Turnberg

Staff Present Bailey Mitchell, Planning & Community Development Director
 Nina Fazio, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 23, 2022

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

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

1. **Case RDA 2022-3:** Request for Determination of Applicability for minor work within the 100-foot buffer zone at structure 212 on the N14-O15S Line west of Kibbe Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028. Applicant: New England Power Company, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451

Dorothy Lawrence of VHB, Inc. was present for discussion on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Lawrence presented the details of minor grading and clearing that was proposed on the power lines west of Kibbe Road; approximately 14 sq. f.t of the grading would be conducted in the 100 foot buffer zone. The applicants proposed conditions of approval, such as removing excess spoils, maintaining erosion barriers between the resource areas and grading, and seeding/stabilization of the work area following construction.

The Commission had no comments or concerns regarding the proposed work.

Motion to approve with a Negative 3 Determination made by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni; second by Clerk Liz Stoughton and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Vote and Ratification of Order of Conditions for Case NOI 2022-1 (DEP #150-0459):** Notice of

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Intent for the construction of a 23 lot residential subdivision at 43 South Bend Lane (Assessor's Parcel ID 54-6-0). Applicant: Marlene Goldstein, 35 South Bend Lane, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The Commission did not voice any concerns with the Order of Conditions. Administrative Assistant Nina Fazio stated the DEP had no concerns with the OOC, but reminded the Commission to be wary of overlapping work in the individual lot NOIs.

Motion to approve and ratify the Order of Conditions for DEP File #150-0459 made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

- 2. Vote and Ratification of Order of Conditions for Case NOI 2022-2 (DEP #150-0460):** Notice of Intent for work related to the restoration of an existing detention basin at 24-30 North Main Street (Assessor's Parcel ID 26-4-0). Applicant: East Longmeadow Center Village LLP, 40 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01118

Administrative Assistant Nina Fazio stated that DEP had no concerns with the Order of Conditions. The applicants suggested a Special Condition regarding installing an oil and debris hood to deter foreign fluids from entering the detention basin, in response to comments stated by the Commission at the last meeting. The Commission approved of that Special Condition.

Motion to approve and ratify the Order of Conditions for DEP File #150-0460 made by Commissioner Mike Carabetta; second by Vice Chair Will Arment and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

- 3. Review and approval of draft letter to MassDEP Western Regional Office regarding wetland violations at 383 Porter Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028**

The Commission discussed bringing past violations to the attention of the DEP. The Commission determined bringing light to past precedent is necessary.

Motion to approve the letter to DEP made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Tony Zampiceni and approved by unanimous vote five (5)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

- 28 Winding Brook Lane

Administrative Assistant Nina Fazio stated she provided the homeowner with a copy of his Order of Conditions which depicts the permanent limit of work line. The homeowner is aware that any tree clearing past the limit of work line is subject to approval by the Commission.

- 73 Newbury Avenue

The homeowner has requested a site visit to investigate erosion controls in his backyard. A few Commissioners will conduct a site visit at their earliest convenience.

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OTHER BUSINESS

1. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

Dennis Oliksy, 53 High Pine Circle, expressed concern regarding the lack of maintenance of the detention basin located on Town property behind his house. The Commission offered suggestions on how to remedy the situation. The Commission will conduct a site visit on April 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM to determine the best course of action.

ADJOURN

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