

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 10, 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
Michael Carabetta, Clerk
Anthony Zampiceni
Nicholas Turnberg
Absent Elizabeth Stoughton, Vice Chair
Thomas O'Brien
Staff Present Bailey Mitchell, Director of Planning & Community Development

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 26, 2023

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Clerk Michael Carabetta and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

- 1. RDA-2023-01: Request for Determination of Applicability at 1 Panama Street** (Assessor's Parcel ID 15B-40-2-7) for whether the area and work depicted is subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protector Act and local wetlands bylaws. Applicant: Limnos Realty, LLC, 9 Campfire Place, West Brookfield, MA 01585

William Fabbri, WjF GeoConsultants, Inc., was present for discussion on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Fabbri explained the request to excavate and re-soil two (2) areas of grass that have oil stains, which have been reported to the MassDEP, within close proximity of the Pecousic Brook. Mr. Fabbri reviewed the size of the oil stains and mitigation efforts that will be used during clean up. Chair William Arment suggested straw waddles in a U-shaped pattern between the oil stains and Pecousic Brook, in addition to re-soil, until new grassy area is established. Chair William Arment confirmed the applicant will be live-loading, with no stockpiling of excavated soil.

Director Bailey Mitchell read comments from MassDEP Circuit Rider Mark Stinson, who suggested a Negative 2 determination, at the Commission's discretion. The Commission agreed with the determination, with the condition that straw waddles be placed during excavation and remain in place until the grassy area is re-established.

Motion to issue a Negative 2 determination, with condition noted, made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Clerk Michael Carabetta and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

- 383 Porter Road

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The Commission determined to continue issuing daily fines in the amount of \$300 in accordance with East Longmeadow General Bylaw §424-11(B). The Commission is awaiting further information from the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program regarding enforcement.

- 264, 280, and 294 North Main Street

Chair William Arment reviewed mitigation efforts that have been taken at these properties to repair severe erosion damage. The Commission will conduct a site visit to ensure all work has been completed in accordance with comments and suggestions made by the Commission.

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

The Commission reviewed the previous site visit conducted on April 26, 2023 and expired Order of Conditions. Chair William Arment suggested a new Notice of Intent be filed and the wetlands be flagged.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

The Commission reviewed the required Conflict of Interest training.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made Clerk Michael Carabetta; second by Commissioner Nicholas Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0) at 6:18 PM.