

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 11, 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 6:06 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Present Thomas O’Brien, Chair
 William Arment, Vice Chair
 Michael Carabetta
 Nicholas Turnberg
Absent Elizabeth Stoughton, Clerk
 Anthony Zampiceni

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

Commissioner Mike Carabetta acted as Clerk for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 27, 2022

Motion to approve made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

The Commission took the agenda out of order and began with “Other Business”.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Request for an Amended Order of Conditions (MassDEP File #150-383) for Bella Vista Drive for a revised Limit of Work Line on Lot 11 (Assessor’s Parcel ID 44-10-11). Applicant: Nicholas Kososki, Lot 11, Bella Vista Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028 (Cont. 4/27/2022)

Daniel Nitzsche of GZA was present for discussion on behalf of the applicant. The Commission conducted a site visit on May 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Mr. Nitzsche recapped the details of the site visit. Mr. Nitzsche stated the applicant is looking to move an 80 ft. portion of the Limit of Work Line 20 ft. closer to the wetlands, allowing for 30 ft. of undisturbed vegetation between the wetlands. Mr. Nitzsche stated that all erosion controls will be implemented in accordance with the original Order of Conditions and the applicant is willing to add more native plantings. Vice Chair Will Arment stated he does not object to the request as there is no moving water and the area is very flat. Chair Tom O’Brien stated he does not believe additional plantings are necessary. There were no further questions or concerns from the Commission at this time.

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Motion to amend the Order of Conditions for a revised Limit of Work line on Lot 11 Bella Vista Drive made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

1. **CC 2022-5 (MassDEP File #150-131):** Request for a Partial Certificate of Compliance for 45 Oak Brook Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 34-94-7). Applicant: Joan Annexy Lopez & Gabriel Rodriguez, 45 Oak Brook Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The applicant was not present for discussion. Chair Tom O'Brien stated Paul Smith has submitted a letter certifying that all work has been completed in accordance with the Order of Conditions. There were no questions or concerns from the Commission at this time.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mike Carabetta; second by Vice Chair Will Arment and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

2. **CC 2022-6 (MassDEP File #150-0442):** Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 38 Redstone Drive (Lot 18 Redstone Drive) (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-18). Applicant: Redstone Ponds LLC, PO Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Al Joyce of Redstone Ponds LLC was present for discussion. The Commission had no questions or concerns at this time.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mike Carabetta; second by Vice Chair Will Arment and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

3. **CC 2022-7 (MassDEP File #150-0440):** Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 3 Hidden Ponds Drive (Lot 16 Hidden Ponds Drive) (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-16). Applicant: Redstone Ponds LLC, PO Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Al Joyce of Redstone Ponds LLC was present for discussion. The Commission had no questions or concerns at this time.

Motion to approve made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

4. **CC 2022-8 (MassDEP File #150-0445):** Request for a Partial Certificate of Compliance for 9 Hidden Ponds Drive (Lot 14 Hidden Ponds Drive) (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-14) and 5 Hidden Ponds Drive (Lot 15 Hidden Ponds Drive) (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-15). Applicant: Redstone Ponds LLC, PO Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Al Joyce of Redstone Ponds LLC was present for discussion. The Commission had no questions or concerns at this time.

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5. **CC 2022-9 (MassDEP File #150-0428):** Request for a Partial Certificate of Compliance for 2 Hidden Ponds Drive (Lot 1 Hidden Ponds Drive) (Assessor's Parcel ID 23-77-1). Applicant: Redstone Ponds LLC, PO Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Al Joyce of Redstone Ponds LLC was present for discussion. The Commission had no questions or concerns at this time.

Motion to approve made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

Chair Tom O'Brien accepted two additional Requests for Partial Certificate of Compliance as agenda items.

6. **CC 2022-10 (Local Jurisdiction):** Request for a Partial Certificate of Compliance for 7 Fairway Lane (Lot 4) (Assessor's Parcel ID 6-11-4). Applicant: Michael Carabetta, 202 Allen Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Commissioner Mike Carabetta abstained from voting. Mr. Carabetta was present for discussion as the applicant. Chair Tom O'Brien stated he has conducted a site visit along with Vice Chair Will Arment and Commissioner Nick Turnberg. Chair Tom O'Brien confirmed he has found all work to be completed in substantial compliance.

Motion to approve made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

7. **CC 2022-11 (Local Jurisdiction):** Request for a Partial Certificate of Compliance for 11 Fairway Lane (Lot 6) (Assessor's Parcel ID 6-11-6). Applicant: Michael Carabetta, 202 Allen Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Commissioner Mike Carabetta abstained from voting. Mr. Carabetta was present for discussion as the applicant. Chair Tom O'Brien stated he has conducted a site visit along with Vice Chair Will Arment and Commissioner Nick Turnberg. Chair Tom O'Brien confirmed he has found all work to be completed in substantial compliance.

Motion to approve made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Nick Turnberg and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

- 365 Pease Road

Commissioner Nick Turnberg stated he conducted a site visit and has concern regarding the size of the

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plantings being smaller than anticipated. The Commission asked for confirmation that the plantings are in accordance with the approved Restoration Plan. The Commission is continuing this Project Monitoring item to the next meeting.

- Detention basin behind 53 High Pine Circle

The Commission stated that this project is in the Department of Public Works' jurisdiction and no work can be conducted by residents. This item will be removed from Project Monitoring.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

Administrative Assistant Nina Fazio stated a resident that lives at 36 Dartmouth Lane is asking for permission to replace an existing fence on his property that is located within the 100 ft. buffer zone. The Commission did not express concern regarding the request. One of the Commissioners will conduct a site visit to confirm that the location of the new fence will not deviate from the existing fence.

2. Discussion of May 25, 2022 meeting

The Planning & Community Development Department informed the Commission that neither of the staff members is available to attend the May 25, 2022 meeting. The Commission will hold this meeting "as needed" and will cancel the meeting unless an emergency filing arises.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Mike Carabetta and approved by unanimous vote four (4)-zero (0) at 6:20 PM.