

**EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Webinar



**MINUTES**

Chair Craig Jernstrom opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Present: Craig Jernstrom, Chair  
Tom O'Brien, Vice Chair  
Jeffrey Bosworth, Clerk  
Frances Corgnati  
Elizabeth Stoughton  
Anthony Zampiceni  
William Arment

Staff Present: Bethany Yeo, Planning & Community Development Director  
Rebecca Jones, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*There were no minutes to approve as there was a lack of quorum at the April 28, 2021 meeting.*

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **Case NOI 2021-3 (DEP #150-0456):** Notice of Intent for 86 Somersville Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 82-2-B) for the construction of a single-family dwelling, on-site septic system, driveway, well, lawn and associated grading in the 100' buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Applicant Representative: Neil Jackson, 30 Mountain View Drive, Belchertown, MA 01007 (Cont. 3/24/2021; 4/14/2021)

Applicant representative Neil Jackson was present for discussion. Chairman Jernstrom expressed satisfaction with the revised plans. Clerk Bosworth advised Mr. Jackson to clean up the old barn on the property and will be included in the Order of Conditions. There was brief discussion about the location of the stakes.

**Motion to close the public hearing made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Elizabeth Stoughton and approved by a roll call vote of seven (7)-zero (0).**

**Motion to approve the Notice of Intent for 86 Somersville Road (DEP #150-0456) made by Commissioner Frances Corgnati; second by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth and was approved by roll call vote of seven (7)-zero (0).**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Case RDA 2021-3:** Request for Determination of Applicability for 117 Nottingham Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 88-48-B1) for the installation of 18x36 +/- FT in ground pool within an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act. Applicant Representative: Nadia Wright, Juliano's Pools, 321 Talcottville Road, Vernon, CT 06066.

Applicant representative Tim Goodale from Juliano's Pools was present for discussion. He briefly described the project and noted that the area of disturbance would be 15-20 feet and would be 80 feet from the wetland delineation line. Silt fence, hay bales and other protective measures will be put in place prior to the project start.

Clerk Bosworth reviewed the comments provided by DEP Representative Mark Stinson. When these houses were built, there should have been Notice of Intent filings that fell through the cracks. He stated that permanent limit of work markers be installed as part of the conditions along the line by the grass and wooded area no further encroachment into the wetlands per Mr. Stinson's comments. He further recommended a deed restriction for future homeowners so something is on record that shows permanent limit of work and no work to be done beyond that. Chair Jernstrom felt like the bordering vegetative wetlands was quite a distance away from the proposed project location.

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate next steps for this application. Vice Chair Tom O'Brien opined that a deed restriction and a new Notice of Intent filing would be punitive in relation to the proposed project. Commissioner Arment echoed the same sentiment. Clerk Bosworth noted that the deed restriction would make future homeowners aware that filings will be needed for any proposed work. Ms. Yeo offered to send letters to the current homeowners of the 3 lots as a courtesy alerting them to the issue and that all proposed work within the wetlands will require a filing.

Chair Jernstrom read comments from the homeowner that was entered in the Zoom Q&A section. Commissioner Stoughton noted that it is not required by law for the permanent limit of work markers be installed but simply a suggestion by Mr. Stinson.

**Motion to approve Request for Determination of Applicability with a Negative 2 Determination for 117 Nottingham with no additional requirements or restrictions made by Vice Chair Tom O'Brien; second by Commissioner Elizabeth Stoughton and approved by a roll call vote of seven (7)-zero (0).**

2. **Case RDA 2021-4:** Request for Determination of Applicability for 101 Old Farm Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 42-38-26) for installation of an aluminum 4-6 FT fence and construction of a 30x24 +/- FT pool deck within the Buffer Zone on a 1.11 +/- acre site. Applicant: Joseph Ngaruiya, 101 Old Farm Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

A follow-up site visit was conducted by Clerk Bosworth and Commissioner Zampiceni and no work has been initiated yet. Homeowner was present for discussion. Chairman Jernstrom opined this is a minor project and has no issues. No further comment.

**Motion to approve Request for Determination of Applicability with a Negative 2 Determination for 117 Nottingham with no additional requirements or restrictions made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Elizabeth Stoughton and approved by a roll call vote of seven (7)-zero (0).**

### **PROJECT MONITORING**

Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]

-Brownstone Gardens

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Property Manager Chris Carr has a contractor beginning work on May 22, 2021. Chairman Jernstrom encouraged a site visit should any commissioner be available.

-Purves Street

Chairman Jernstrom sent a text to property developer and has yet to receive response.

-Rocky's Basin

No response from property owners.

-Hidden Ponds Estates

Pictures were circulated of the basin's efficacy after recent rain storms.

-Robin Street

Second letter was sent out to Ralph Capua. Third letter will be sent to include all recent violations.

-Baldwin Street/Grove Street

A site visit will be coordinated once silt fence and other erosion controls are installed.

-53 Tanglewood Drive

A site visit needs to be scheduled to monitor the tree growth.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Conservation Agent Job Description

Chairman Jernstrom requested that the Planning staff draft a job description and circulate to the Commission for review.

- Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

Chairman Jernstrom requested that any resident inquiries be emailed to him in lieu of phone calls. Town Hall will be reopening soon but there is no date for in-person meetings. Chairman Jernstrom asked Vice Chair O'Brien if he would like to discuss comments made in reference to the Commission's decisions of older filings to which Mr. O'Brien declined.

**ADJOURN Motion to adjourn made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by roll call vote seven (7)-zero (0) at 7:01 PM.**

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca Jones

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