

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 28, 2021
Time: 7:00PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Place: School Committee Conference Room
East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028



MINUTES

Vice Chair Tom O'Brien opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Present: Tom O'Brien, Chair
William Arment, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Stoughton, Clerk
Anthony Zampiceni

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

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 23, 2021

Motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Vice Chair William Arment and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0).

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

1. **CC 2021-10 (Mass DEP File # 150-383):** Request for Certificate of Compliance for 6 Bella Vista Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 44-10-21). Applicant: John Fortune, 6 Bella Vista Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Applicant was not present for discussion. Clerk Elizabeth Stoughton read the filing into the record. Planning and Community Development Director Bethany Yeo made reference to a letter provided by Smith Associates stating that the permanent limit of work markers are in place in accordance to the plan and complies with the Order of Conditions.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 6 Bella Vista Drive (MassDEP 150-383) made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of four (4)-zero (0).

2. **CC 2021-11 (Mass DEP File # 150-383):** Request for Certificate of Compliance for Lot 25R Bella Vista Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 44-10-25R). Applicant: AC Homebuilding, LLC, 1031 Tinkham Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095.

Applicant was not present for discussion. Clerk Elizabeth Stoughton read the filing into the record. Planning and Community Development Director Bethany Yeo made reference to a letter

provided by Smith Associates stating that the permanent limit of work markers are in place in accordance to the plan and complies with the Order of Conditions.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 25R Bella Vista Drive (MassDEP 150-383) made by Vice Chair Will Arment; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of four (4)-zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Enforcement Order (Mass DEP File # 150-0448): Robin St/Smith Ave** (Assessor's Parcel ID 3B-62-131) for violation by Ralph Capua of failure to maintain erosion controls in violation of General Condition 18 and Special Conditions 1, 2 and 15 of the Order of Conditions.

Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni shared his findings from a recent site visit and noted that all silt fences has been put up. Hay bales are in the front of the house and gravel in the roadway where it erode and appears stable. Ms. Yeo noted that Ralph Capua notified DPW that a berm will be installed once construction is complete. Chair Tom O'Brien agreed that everything appears stable. Vice Chair Will Arment cautioned that if that with any more rain, there will be further issues. He suggested that tack hay be installed as it has a binder to stabilize the ground. Enforcement Order will not be ratified at this time but Mr. O'Brien urged Ms. Yeo to remind Mr. Capua to be a good steward of this project.

PROJECT MONITORING

Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]

- 0 Baldwin St- Self Storage Facility

Vice Chair Will Arment noted that 100 ton of stone was dropped to stabilize the tracking pad. There was a general consensus that the property owners doing the best they can with the current condition of the water.

- Hidden Ponds Estates

There was extensive discussion regarding the catch basin. The commissioners agreed to continue to monitor the project via drive-by site visits.

- 86 Somersville Road

Ms. Yeo notified the Commission that a draft enforcement order went out to the family. Mr. O'Brien requested that the hay bales and silt fence tie to the hay bales that go across the channel. Mr. Arment opined that they need to comply with the Order of Conditions or cease all activity.

The commissioners required that the homeowners re-establish the limit of work lines, put up all the necessary silt fences and hay bales, re-delineate the limit of work, install a tracking pad and cease and desist all activities until re-inspected by the Conservation Commission. The homeowners will also be required to attend the next meeting.

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OTHER BUSINESS

- Conservation Agent

The Commissioners reviewed the application received by Human Resources. Ms. Yeo briefly reviewed the interview process and reminded the Conservation Commission that any new hire would not be trained by the Town.

- 31 Benton Drive

A Notice of Intent will be before the Commission at the August 11, 2021 meeting. Gravel parking area was created in violation as there is no Order of Conditions or sign of the filing from research done by both Ms. Yeo and DPW representative Mark Stinson. Mr. Stinson is highly concerned with this filing as it was not mentioned in the application submitted by R. Levesque Associates.

- Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

DPW Deputy Superintendent Tom Christensen informed Ms. Yeo that a Conservation Commission member should be involved in any pre-construction meeting for Notice of Intent. Ms. Yeo also notified that the National Night Out will be August 3, 2021 and the Planning Department will have a table at the event.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chair William Arment; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0) at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca Jones

Planning and Community Development Administrative Assistant