

**Town of East Longmeadow
Conservation Commission
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Conservation Commission
Minutes of January 10, 2018

Present: Thomas O'Brien, Vice Chair; Craig Jernstrom, Clerk; Robert Sheets; William Arment;
Anthony Zampiceni

Absent:

00:20

Request for Partial Certificate of Compliance: 515 Shaker Road

The application was withdrawn by the applicant.

01:10

Request for Certificate of Compliance: Michael Torcia Jr., 9 Euclid Avenue

The Commission noted that this application has come before them before. There are curbing on the submitted drawing of the site that are not installed. Such curbing would help to channel all storm water down the street into the drainage basin. Mr. Jernstrom recommended sending a letter to the property owner mandating the installation of a curb or berm along the right side of Euclid Avenue to make the property comply with regulations. Mr. Jernstrom moved to send a letter to the Department of Public Works and Mr. Sheets seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

14:44

Continuation of Public Meeting: Somers Road Parcel 79-30-J

Mr. John Goddard from R. Levesque and Associates was present to field questions from the Commission and the public regarding a pending Request for Determination of Applicability. The site includes a stream that the developers evaluated and determined to be intermittent, and not perennial. They brought the stream status analysis to submit to the Commission.

The stream is unmapped on GIS, and was verified by the developer and Mr. Jernstrom to be intermittent according to the stream's watershed area calculations. The watershed of the stream is 3/10 of a square mile. The developers will adhere to a 100 foot buffer from the stream and the bordering vegetated wetlands, and a 200 foot buffer from Watchaug Brook where it passes through the site. **The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to grant a positive 2-A determination for Parcel 79-30-J on Somers Road.**

25:05

Thomas Christensen, Department of Public Works: Somers Road Landfill

Mr. Christensen, Deputy Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, was present to apprise the Commission of additional test pits requested by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Presently there is a negative determination on the site, from November 2015, for filling and grading of the cap of the landfill. The DPW wanted to ensure that the test pits are covered under the landfill's existing approvals.

Mr. Christensen presented a map to the Commission to delineate specific sites for testing, many of which lie in the buffer zone between the landfill site and the surrounding protected area. The Town's third party construction engineer (from Tighe & Bond) will be present to oversee the testing by the DPW. He elaborated that they would attempt to space the test pits approximately 50 feet apart. The DEP's purpose for requesting test pits, as described in a letter brought to the Commission by Mr. Christensen, is to verify that the area contains the exact limit of waste area before it is capped.

None from the Commission expressed issue with the DPW's intention to dig test pits. Vice Chairman O'Brien called for a motion to continue the necessary approvals for testing to occur. Mr. sheets made the motion that proposed work will not require a second filing, seconded by Mr. Arment. **The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the digging of test pits at the Somers Road Landfill without filing a new request for determination of applicability for the site.**

Mr. Jernstrom reminded Mr. Christensen that in the past the DPW has submitted an annual blanket Notice of Intent to the Commission, listing ongoing and upcoming projects pertinent to the Commission's oversight.

37:44

Request for Certificate of Compliance: LaPlante, 61 North Main Street

Mr. Jernstrom made a motion to grant a certificate of compliance for 61 North Main Street. Mr. Arment seconded the motion. **The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to grant a Certificate of Compliance to LaPlante of 61 North Main Street.**

Project Monitoring

Discussion ensued regarding project monitoring.

57:15

Mr. Sheets moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Arment seconded the motion. **The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn.**