



**Special Meeting of the
Conservation Commission
January 30, 2019 6:00 p.m.**
East Longmeadow Library Conference Room
60 Center Square, East Longmeadow, MA

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:00pm

CALL THE ROLL

PRESENT: **CRAIG JERNSTROM**
 JEFFREY BOSWORTH
 ANTHONY ZAMPICENI
 THOMAS O'BRIEN
 MARY ELLEN GOODROW (arrived at 6:06)

ABSENT: **ROBERTH SHEETS**
 WILLIAM ARMENT

STAFF PRESENT: **CONSTANCE BRAWDERS, Planning & Community Development, Director**
 Katherine Boucher, Interim
 Planning & Community Development, Administrative Assistant

The Chairman made a motion to take the agenda out of order and moved the approval of minutes to the end of the meeting.

The motion was moved by Commissioner Zampiceni; with second by Commissioner Bosworth. Motion carried three (3) – zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Case #NOI 2019-01-Notice of Intent (WE 150-439): Purves Street (Assessor's Parcels 13-9-1, 13-8-3, 13-7-5 and 13-6-6) filed by Laplante Construction of 61R North Main Street in East Longmeadow, MA for a Commercial/Industrial project within a Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Prepared by: Daniel Nitzsche, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., 1350 Main Street, Ste. 1400, Springfield, MA 01103.**

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said that it would be further away. The limit of work line shown is at the bottom line. Realistically, the wall would be two more feet towards Purves St. Mr. Nitzsche assured that the Applicant is committing to the distances of limit of work line.

Commissioner O'Brien was convinced that the building of the wall would definitely impact the wetland.

Another concern raised by the chairman was on the level areas where one side is not on wetland but the other side is on the wetland but they are on the same elevation. At this point in time, it would be hard to confirm the delineation. Chairman Jernstrom also mentioned the concern of some Commissioners regarding the relationship of some of the larger trees to the retaining wall, which ones were to stay or to be removed. Chairman O'Brien recommended to the board to seek for a second opinion.

The motion to consulting peer review was moved by Commissioner O'Brien, with second by Commissioner Bosworth. Motion carried four (4) – one (1).

The motion to continue to April 10, 2019 meeting was moved by Commissioner Bosworth, with second by Commissioner Zampiceni. Motion carried five (5) – zero (0).

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2. Clarification: Official Posting Site for Public Hearings is 1. Under CALENDAR found on Town Web site main page and 2. The Bulletin Board outside the Town Clerk's office, NOT THE LIBRARY.**

Chairman Jernstrom informed the Commission about the progress of making the public more informed of Conservation Commission's meetings. Conservation Commission's Agenda is now on the Public Notice section of the Town's website. In addition, the meetings can now be viewed at ELCAT.

- 3. MACC Annual Conference March 2, 2019**

Commissioner Thomas O'Brien expressed his interest to attend the conference. Chairman Jernstrom would let Ms. Brawdgers know next week to confirm his attendance.

- 4. Review and Comments for Planning Board**

No comments received from the Planning Board.

- 5. Submission of 2018 Town Report by Chair Jernstrom (due February 11, 2019 to Town Manager)**

Chairman Jernstrom updated the Commission about the 2018 Town Report. He enumerated the number of Notice of Intent applications received, the amount of Certificate of Compliance, Request for Determination and Enforcement Orders that were handled. He also put in the by-law change regarding outside consulting fees for peer review. He also put the complaint on Open Meeting Law, project monitoring program that continuous to improve and violations that were corrected and resolved.

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did a research about other Towns having two meetings or more every month and other Towns having a meeting as needed. He then brought it up to the Commission the need to go back to twice a month meeting schedule. Ms. Brawders read her findings on the 2018 meeting attendance of Commissioners and only three meetings out of nineteen meetings that the Commissioners had a complete attendance. She said that we would try once a month meeting for 2019 and work on it. In 2020, if the Commission finds that they were inundated with applications and have perfect meeting attendance for 2019 then we would consider going back to twice a month meeting.

Chairman Jernstrom asked Ms. Brawders what the meeting attendance had to do with the meetings. He stated that his big concern about the once a month schedule is during the busy months. He further said that cancelling a meeting is easier than scheduling a meeting. Ms. Brawders responded that it's not easy to cancel a scheduled meeting due to the work it entails like the phone calls that had to be made to let people know of the changes.

Chairman Jernstrom asked Commissioner Bosworth what he thinks of the once a month schedule. Commissioner Bosworth replied that based upon what the Commission had gone so far, he thinks that two meetings a month would be the right number. Commissioner Zampiceni added that having two meetings a month, the Commission could talk about other concerns pertaining to Conservation Commission. Commissioner Goodrow thinks that having one meeting a month would be great if the Commission does not have the burden of the law that says twenty-one days. But she prefers having two meetings with definite schedule that she could write in her calendar rather than having a special meeting because it's more difficult for her and her attendance might be affected. Her concern on the once a month schedule is meeting the requirement of the law of twenty-one days. Chairman Jernstrom also prefers having two meetings that he could put in his calendar as opposed to having a special meeting that has yet to be scheduled. Commissioner Goodrow suggested that the Commission could stick to the once a month schedule for now but also thinks that it is not unreasonable to go back to the two-a-month meeting during spring and summer.

Ms. Brawders distributed to the Commission information provided by Mark Stinson regarding Wetlands Order, Compliance Inspection for Field Inspection and also some other sample language that the Commission might want to be familiar with and questions when writing Order of Conditions based on a Notice of Intent. It also includes other pertinent information that is helpful to the Commission.

PROJECT MONITORING

Bella Vista Estates

Site Visit is scheduled on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. with Mark Stinson and DPW. Ms. Brawders invited the Commission to join them.

34 Halon Terrace

Chairman Jernstrom and Commissioner Bosworth reported their recent site visit. Chairman Jernstrom said he sent an email about a complaint and asked if they were looking for a

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