

**EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Wednesday, April 14, 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  
Jeffrey Bosworth, Clerk (joined at 6:21 pm)  
Frances Corgnati  
Elizabeth Stoughton  
Anthony Zampiceni  
William Arment  
Absent: Tom O'Brien, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Bethany Yeo, Planning & Community Development Director

Staff Absent: Rebecca Jones, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 24, 2021

**Motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Frances Corgnati; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by roll call vote five (5)-zero (0).**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:**

1. **Case CC 2021-2: Request for Certificate of Compliance for 99 Mapleshade Avenue (MassDEP File # 150-0402)** –Request for Certificate of Compliance for 99 Mapleshade Avenue (Assessor's Parcel ID 25-131-0). Applicant: Arthur Rahaim, 39 Dorset Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028. (Cont. 1/27/2021; 3/10/2021; 3/24/2021)

Chairman Jernstrom expressed satisfaction with the revised plans. He reviewed Clerk Bosworth's findings at a recent site visit to review the permanent limit of work markers. No further comment.

**Motion to approve the Request for Certificate of Compliance for 99 Mapleshade Avenue (MassDEP File #150-0502) made by Commissioner Elizabeth Stoughton; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).**

**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)

Additional materials were not received by the Commission.

**Motion to continue the Public Hearing for Notice of Intent 86 Somersville Road made by Commissioner Frances Corgnati; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).**

2. **Case OOC 2021-2:** Request for an Amended Order of Conditions (Mass DEP File # 150-0433) for 216 Somers Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 40-25-31) filed under the Wetlands Protection Act to allow for a cul-de-sac in place of a hammerhead turnaround on Jeffrey Lane. Applicant: Val Shvetz, Oak Ridge Custom Home Builders, Inc., P.O. Box 63, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Applicant representative Mike Mocko was present for discussion. He noted that this filing was at the request of the East Longmeadow DPW as they requested the hammerhead turnaround be revised to a cul-de-sac turnaround. The silt fence remains in the same spot and there is no further encroachment into the 50 foot buffer zone.

Chair Jernstrom requested that the drawings being updated to include the permanent limit of work markers as the plans before the Commission currently are from 2019.

**Motion to approve the Request for an Amended Order of Conditions (Mass DEP File # 150-0433) for 216 Somers Road with the condition that the Commission receive revised plans showing the permanent limit of work markers made by Commissioner Elizabeth Stoughton; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

2. **Vote and Ratification of Order of Conditions for Case NOI 2021-2:** Notice of Intent for 13-25 North Main Street (Assessor's Parcel IDs 26-148A, 27-36A, 37, &38) for the demolition of existing buildings and construction of a building and site improvements subject to 310 CMR 10.58(5) Riverfront Area redevelopment. Applicant: Pride Stores, LLC, 246 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Permanent limit of work markers need to be installed five feet away from the silt fence and shown on plans. Chair Jernstrom explained that the related Planning Board filing for this project was withdrawn without prejudice prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve Order of Conditions for Notice of Intent for 13-25 North Main Street with the addition of permanent limit of work markers five feet away from the silt fence and revised plans showing the same **made by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).**

#### **PROJECT MONITORING**

Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]

- a. Robin Street  
No response received by the Planning Department staff yet.
- b. The Chair gave a general reminder about the current drought-like conditions and its impact on delineations.
- c. 21 North Main Street – Rocky's Hardware.

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No response was received from the owners to the Planning Department Staff. Planning and Community Development Director Bethany Yeo emailed plans for the basin to the Health Department as they are investigating the grease trap issue.

d. **Brownstone Gardens II**

No response has been received from Chris Carr since the last winter update. Ms. Yeo will follow up with Mr. Carr.

e. **Hidden Ponds**

Chair Jernstrom has not received any new updates but encouraged the Commissioners to drive by during the pending inclement weather to survey the basin's efficacy.

f. **Purves Street**

Silt fence is still down per a recent site visit by Commissioner Zampiceni. Chair Jernstrom will reach out to the property developers.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission  
Chair Jernstrom requested that the Commission move forward with discussing a job description for the Conservation Agent. Ms. Yeo explained that Town Manager will be included in discussion once a desirable candidate is before the Commission.

*Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth joined the meeting at 6:21pm.*

- Commissioner Corgnati explained that the Community Preservation Committee has funds for Conservation related projects and she would like to explore potential ideas amongst the Commission.
- Clerk Bosworth proposed that permanent limit of work markers should be no less than 25 feet apart should be standard language adapted by the Conservation Commission.
- After discussing Arbor Day celebrations past, Commissioner Corgnati shared some ideas for future Earth Day and Arbor Day projects for the Commission to become involved in. There is a town cleanup planned for April 24<sup>th</sup> at various locations across town.
- Clerk Bosworth noted that the Boy Scout troop did a tremendous clean up along the rail trail and suggested a letter of appreciation be sent on behalf of the Commission.

**ADJOURN Motion to adjourn made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by roll call vote six (6)-zero (0) at 6:38 PM.**

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca Jones  
Planning and Community Development Administrative Assistant