

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 26, 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
Elizabeth Stoughton
Anthony Zampiceni
William Arment

Absent: Tom O'Brien, Vice Chair

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 12, 2021

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

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

- 1. Case CC 2021-4: Request for Certificate of Compliance for 5 Bella Vista Drive (MassDEP File # 150-383)** – Request for Certificate of Compliance for 5 Bella Vista Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 44-10-16). Applicant: Timothy Lucier, 5 Bella Vista Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Chairman Jernstrom reviewed the letter from Smith Associates. Clerk Bosworth noted this filing is non-jurisdictional.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 5 Bella Vista Drive (DEP #150-0383) made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).

- 2. Case CC 2021-5: Request for Certificate of Compliance for 19 Skyline Drive (MassDEP File # 150-265)** –Request for Certificate of Compliance for 19 Skyline Drive (Assessor's Parcel ID 72-41-3). Applicant: Lisa A. and Dennis D. Simon, 19 Skyline Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Chairman Jernstrom reviewed the letter prepared by Smith Associates regarding the property. No further discussion.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 19 Skyline Drive (MassDEP File # 150-265) made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).

3. **Case CC 2021-6: Request for Certificate of Compliance for Unit 1-02, 7 Broadleaf Circle (MassDEP 150-363)**—Request for Certificate of Compliance for Unit 1-02, 7 Broadleaf Circle (Assessor’s Parcel ID 7-74 &75). Applicant: AnneMarie Alexander, Esq. Devlin, Peters & Tarpey, LLC, P.O. Box 400, Somers, CT 06071.

Clerk Bosworth noted this filing is non-jurisdictional. No further discussion.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Unit 1-02, 7 Broadleaf Circle (MassDEP 150-363) made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).

4. **Case CC 2021-7: Request for Certificate of Compliance for Unit V-15, 7 Clover Lane (MassDEP 150-363)**—Request for Certificate of Compliance for Unit V-15, 7 Clover Lane (Assessor’s Parcel ID 7-74 & 75). Applicant: AnneMarie Alexander, Esq. Devlin, Peters & Tarpey, LLC, P.O. Box 400, Somers, CT 06071.

Clerk Bosworth noted this filing is non-jurisdictional. No further discussion.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Unit V-15, 7 Clover Lane (MassDEP 150-363) made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).

NEW PUBLIC HEARING

5. **Case NOI 2021-4:** Notice of Intent for Lot 3, Hidden Pond Drive (Assessor’s Parcel ID 23-77-3) for the construction of a single-family dwelling and associated work within the 100’ Buffer Zone. Applicant: Redstone Ponds, LLC, P.O. Box 79, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Clerk Bosworth read the Legal Notice into the record. Applicant Al Joyce was present for discussion. He explained the proposed plan for the lot. No changes in grade will occur. Chairman Jernstrom reviewed findings from the recent site visit and noted that all permanent limit of work markers are in place.

The hearing was opened to the public for comment. John Stearns spoke on behalf of Mrs. Scanlon Harwich Road. Mrs. Scanlon asked Mr. Joyce about potential drainage and water runoff issues. Chairman Jernstrom noted that the Conservation Commission has been diligent and is confident that the runoff be an issue.

At this time, comments were entertained from the Commission. Chairman Jernstrom stated that recent site visits at the location seem to be satisfactory. He expressed frustration about the lack of a proper tracking pad. Mr. Joyce explained that the streets are regularly swept and upon construction, stones are brought on site No further comments from the Commissioners.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner

Motion to approve Notice of Intent for Lot 3, Hidden Pond Drive (Assessor’s Parcel ID 23-77-3) made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by a roll call vote of four (4)-zero (0).

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Motion to take Project Monitoring out of order to discuss retention basin at Hidden Ponds made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by a roll call vote of four (4)-zero (0).

Chairman Jernstrom asked for the plan that was to be prepared by R. Levesque Associates regarding the structure and installation retention basin. There was discussion about the installation of the compost and removal of any existing red clay. Chairman Jernstrom requested a letter from R. Levesque Associates stating all lots are graded as required.

Further discussion ensued regarding the ongoing efficacy of the retention basin. Mr. Joyce opined it takes a significant storm to trigger the mechanism that drains the basin. Both Chair Jernstrom and Commissioner Arment disagreed and referenced recent photos taken during site visits.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6. Vote and Ratification of Order of Conditions for 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.

Planning Director Bethany Yeo asked if the Commissioners wanted any further conditions added and all agreed it was fine as is.

Motion to issue Order of Conditions for 86 Somersville Road (DEP #150-0456) made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by a roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]

-Purves Street

Commissioner Zampiceni noted that there are no erosion controls present and it appears to be filled. Chairman Jernstrom stated he will contact the developer again.

- 21 North Main Street – Rocky's Hardware

Chairman Jernstrom reviewed the letter received by the property owners. No further action needed at this time.

- 53 Tanglewood Drive

Site visit conducted by three commissioners and all trees appeared to be in good repair. Chairman Jernstrom opined that the Enforcement Order can be released. Planning Director Bethany Yeo noted a vote is needed for this.

Motion to release Enforcement Order on 53 Tanglewood Drive made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by a roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).

- 0 Grove Ave /Baldwin St

Chairman Jernstrom requested that Planning staff contact the Project Manager to let him know the Commission is satisfied with the erosion controls.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Conservation Agent Job Description

Planning Director Bethany Yeo shared two potential job descriptions with the Commission. She noted slight differences in the descriptions and highlighted the essential job tasks. Chairman Jernstrom asked how the employee would be compensated and recommended that it be an independent contractor. He further recommended that experience on a Conservation Commission be sufficient in lieu of a college degree.

- Community Preservation Committee Representative

With Frances's departure from the Conservation Commission, another commission member is needed to serve on the Community Preservation Committee. Commissioner Zampiceni explained more about the Committee's purpose and current projects as he is a member at-large.

Motion to nominate Commissioner Stoughton as the Community Preservation representative for the Conservation Commission made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and was approved by a roll call vote of five (5)-zero (0).

- Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

Chairman Jernstrom announced his resignation from the Conservation Commission effective May 28, 2021.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni and approved by roll call vote five (5)-zero (0) at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca Jones
Planning and Community Development Administrative Assistant