

**EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, September 8, 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

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

### **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Tom O'Brien, Chair  
William Arment, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Stoughton, Clerk  
Michael Carabetta

Absent: Anthony Zampiceni  
Daniel Rosen

Staff Present: Bethany Yeo, Planning & Community Development Director

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 25, 2021

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Enforcement Order (Mass DEP File # 150-0456): 86 Somersville Road** (Assessor's Parcel ID 82-2-B) for violation by Brianna Barcomb for failure to maintain sedimentation barrier in good repair in violation of General Condition 18 and Special Conditions 1, 2 and 15 of the Order of Conditions (Cont. 8/11/2021; 8/25/2021)

Brianna Barcomb and father, Mark Barcomb were present for discussion. Commissioners Carabetta, Stoughton and O'Brien conducted a site visit on September 8<sup>th</sup> and reported that the silt fence was installed per the Order of Conditions and was functioning as intended. The Commission made note that the easterly side of the property will require a berm from the silt fence to the road to prevent further erosion. Commissioner Carabetta recommended backfilling to help stabilize the site. The Chair agreed and advised the applicant to proceed with backfilling and a more appropriate grading can continue providing the Commission be notified once the work is complete for a follow up inspection. Commissioner Arment inquired of the Commission next steps as far as restoration of the disturbed resource area. The Commission determined grass seed should be hand-spread in the areas disturbed beyond the Limit of Work line (approx. 1000 sq. ft.) and covered in straw. The Commission will re-inspect the property in the spring to ensure the grass seed is established.

### **PROJECT MONITORING**

Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]

- 365 Pease Road

Commissioners Elizabeth Stoughton and Tom O'Brien shared site visit findings conducted at 365 Pease Road that the stream was altered to extend the backyard. The Commission came to a consensus that further investigation was required and an Enforcement Order should be sent to the homeowners prior to the next meeting.

- 383 Porter Road

The Commissioners discussed a violation on 383 Porter Road which also involved alteration of the stream and work within the riverfront without an Order of Conditions. An enforcement order was determined to be the best course of action to correct the violation.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Community Preservation Committee Appointee Process

Planning Director Ms. Yeo explained the Town Clerk's letter simply laid out the terms and process of Community Preservation Committee Appointments for future reference and no action was required of the Conservation Commission.

- Letter from Resident – 275 Hampden Road

Discussion ensued regarding the letter of concern received from the resident at 275 Hampden Road who expressed concern over several pine trees on her property within proximity to wetlands. The Commission determined a site visit was necessary prior to advising the resident on next steps.

- Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

The Commission discussed moving back to Zoom due to the reinstated mask mandate and Covid-19 case surge. The Commission unanimously decided to keep meeting in-person, with masks and social distancing as needed.

The Planning Director explained Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant Rebecca Jones had submitted her resignation effective September 10<sup>th</sup> and until a suitable replacement was found the Planning Department's public office hours had been reduced.

**ADJOURN Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Michael Carabetta; second by Vice Chair William Arment and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0) at 7:38 PM.**

Respectfully submitted.

Bethany Yeo  
Planning and Community Development Director