



**EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**  
**6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**  
**Zoom Webinar**

**MINUTES**

Chair Craig Jernstrom opened the meeting at 6:11 PM and called the roll.

**CALL THE ROLL**

Present: Craig Jernstrom, Chair  
 Thomas O'Brien, Vice Chair  
 Jeffrey Bosworth, Clerk  
 Frances Corgnati  
 Absent: Anthony Zampiceni  
 Erin Lynch  
 Staff Present: Bethany Yeo, Planning Director; ELCAT Staff

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

June 24, 2020 –Approval and release of Executive Session Minutes

**Motion made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second Vice Chair Tom O'Brien to approve the executive session minutes approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0).**

**Motion made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Vice Chair Tom O'Brien to release the executive session minutes approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0).**

August 26, 2020

**Motion to approve made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Vice Chair Tom O'Brien and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0).**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLAINE REQUESTS**

1. **Case CC 2020-13: Request for Certificate of Compliance for 38 Ericka Circle (MassDEP File #150-196)**—Request for Certificate of Compliance for 38 Ericka Circle (Assessor's Parcel ID 47-95-4). Applicant: Atty. John Gallagher, Atty. For Sivakumar Padmanabhan, 200 N. Main Street, Suite 6 South Building, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Chair Craig Jernstrom explained the request for Certificate of Compliance was for the original Order of Conditions for the subdivision and a newer Order of Conditions had since been issued with an associated Certified of Compliance on file however, a Certificate of Compliance for the original Order of Conditions had never been filed. No further comment from the Commission.

**Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 38 Ericka Circle made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Vice Chair Tom O'Brien and approved by a vote of four (4)-zero (0).**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. **Case RDA 2020-6: Request for Determination of Applicability for Maple Court** (Assessor's Parcel ID 27-1-0) for the installation of new anodes to an existing rectifier within the 100 FT Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands on a 7.86 +/- acre site. Applicant: Columbia Gas of MA, 2025 Roosevelt Ave., Springfield, MA 01104.

Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth read the legal notice into the record. In attendance, representing the applicant was Dana Altobello [Senior Project Manager, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, 427 Columbia Road, Hanover, MA 02339]. Mr. Altobello provided a summary of the proposed project. No comments were

heard from the public. Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth inquired as to the diameter of the proposed drilled holes. Mr. Altobello stated the diameter was between the 6-8 in range. Chair Craig Jernstrom stated no objection to the project and called for a motion to be made for a Negative 3 Determination with the conditions that erosion controls shall be installed according to the approved permit.

**Motion for a Negative 3 Determination with conditions made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Vice Chair Tom O'Brien and approved by a vote of four (4)-zero (0).**

### **PROJECT MONITORING**

#### 3. Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]

##### 79 Old Farm Road

Discussion regarding the proximity to wetlands ensued. The Commission inquired if the Planning Director could distribute the original site plan for reference. The Planning Director stated she would do her best to locate a site plan for the Commission to review.

##### Brownstone Gardens

Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth explained the applicant had sent in an inquiry regarding where to place erosion controls as the approved project is in the buffer zone. Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth and the Planning Director agreed the erosion controls are minimal to known in this particular case as the approved project is already in the Buffer Zone and the applicant had stated they would do their best to create minimal disturbance to the resource area and remove debris that may fall into the water as needed.

##### 8 Bella Vista Drive

Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth summarized his site visit at 8 Bella Vista Drive and ensuing discussion with the property owner Owen Jarmoc who intends to install a drainage system on his property, outside of the buffer zone, to relieve water issues related to the existing in ground pool. The Commission requested a draft letter be drawn up informing Mr. Jarmoc that future projects within the Buffer zone shall require the approval of the Commission via a Request for Determination of Applicability.

##### Lot 5, 40 Pondview Drive

Chair Craig Jernstrom clarified he had spoken with Bill Laplante regarding the required NOI for the site and stated he had given the applicant permission to use existing plans and application material for the new NOI filing as nothing at the site has changed since the plans were created.

##### Hidden Ponds, Lot 15

Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth reported on his site visit findings after a complaint was received by the Planning department of tree felling within the Buffer zone. Clerk Bosworth stated the felled trees (3) appeared to be within the 25 FT Buffer Zone and therefore in violation of the Order of Conditions of the site. Vice Chair Tom O'Brien also shared his site visit findings. Vice Chair Tom O'Brien stated all but one tree were right on the 25 FT Buffer Zone line and not in violation. The one within the buffer zone had, according the developer, been felled due to damage to the tree sustained by a prior storm. Vice Chair Tom O'Brien explained how he measured the distance using a forestry measuring tape and measuring from the water line, up the bank to the location of the tree stump. The Commission agreed further information was required and scheduled a site visit for Friday, September 11, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### 4. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

The Commission discussed the possibility of posting application submittals on a public platform such as the town website. Planning Director Bethany Yeo explained this was a goal for the department however; the IT department staff were heavily involved with providing support for the schools as

they make the switch to virtual education settings and she would reach out to the IT Director when the school year was underway.

5. Use of the Reminder vs. the Republican for legal advertisements

The Planning Director explained the pros and cons of the Republican vs. the Reminder for legal ad publications. The Commission opined the Reminder was a better suited for their and the community's needs. The Planning Director agreed to have future legal notices for the Commission published via the Reminder.

**ADJOURN Motion to adjourn made Commissioner Frances Corgnati; second by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0). At 7:20 PM.**

Resptfully submitted.

Bethany Yeo,  
Planning & Community Development Director