

EAST LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom Webinar



MINUTES

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

CALL THE ROLL

Present: Craig Jernstrom, Chair

Jeffrey Bosworth, Clerk

Erin Lynch

Frances Corgnati

Absent: Tom O'Brien, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Bethany Yeo, Planning & Community Development Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 9, 2020

Chair Craig Jernstrom stated he had not had time to review the draft minutes.

Motion to continue to October 14, 2020 made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Frances Corgnati and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0).

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUESTS

- 1. CC 2020-14: Request for Certificate of Compliance for 79 Pleasant Street (MassDEP File #150-386)** –Request for Certificate of Compliance for Brownstone Gardens II, 79 Pleasant Street (Assessor's Parcel ID 38-64-A2). Applicant: Brownstone Gardens II, Inc., 79 Pleasant Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Applicant Christopher Carr was present for discussion. Mr Carr explained Brownstone Gardens II had originally received an Order of Conditions for an expansion which was never constructed. The Certificate of Compliance would close out the Order of Conditions so it will no longer appear in a title search.

Chair Craig Jernstrom inquired if there had been a separate Notice of Intent filing for Brownstone Gardens I. Mr. Carr confirmed. No further questions heard by the Commission.

Motion to approve made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Frances Corgnati and approved by roll call vote four (4)-zero (0).

- 2. CC 2020-15: Request for Partial Certificate of Compliance for Lot 10 Fairway Lane Estates (Local Jurisdiction OOC 2019-01)** –Request for Partial Certificate of Compliance for Lot 10, Fairway Lane Estates (Assessor's Parcel ID 6-10-0). Applicant: Michael Carabetta, 202 Allen Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Chair Craig Jernstrom summarized the project and stated he had no issues with the application as submitted and noted a letter from R Levesque Associates stating the site was in compliance with the Order of Conditions had been included in the filing.

Motion to approve made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Frances Corgnati and approved by a roll call vote of four (4)-zero (0).

PROJECT MONITORING

3. Projects [See Project Monitoring spread sheet]

a. 79 Old Farm Road

Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth stated on further inspection of the wetlands site plan, 79 Old Farm Road is non-jurisdictional.

b. Hidden Ponds Estates, Lot 15

The Commission discussed site visit findings and planned to schedule a site visit with Mark Stinson, DEP Circuit Rider for clarification. The Chair requested the response letter for Hidden Ponds be scheduled to the October 14, 2020 meeting. Applicant Al Joyce was present for discussion. Al Joyce opined that the waddles and trees in question were beyond the Limit of Work line based on the plans approved by the Conservation Commission and therefore the work done was not in violation. After further discussion, the Commission planned to schedule a site visit with Mark Stinson, DEP Circuit Rider for clarification on the correct way to measure the distance from the resource area to the limit of work line.

c. 53 Old Farm Road

Discussion ensued regarding case details and best approach to notifying the new homeowners of the outstanding Certificate of Compliance filing. The Commission requested the Planning Director to send a letter to the new owners of 53 Old Farm Road informing them of the need to file a Certificate of Compliance for the open Order of Conditions for their property.

d. 8 Bella Vista Dr

The Commission requested a letter be sent to the property owner at 8 Bella Vista Drive including a RDA application and informing that a filing must be submitted for working within the buffer zone.

e. 461 Chestnut Street

Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth noted the status update for 461 Chestnut Street. Commissioner Frances Corgnati noted her suggestion for the applicant to closely monitor the saplings as far as watering given the current drought conditions.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Policies and Procedures of the Conservation Commission

Chair Craig Jernstrom suggested mailing meeting packets. Planning Director Yeo stated previous attempts to mail meeting packets was unsuccessful as it was unpredictable if the meeting packets would arrive in time for the meeting. Planning Director Yeo suggested placing a box containing the meeting packets at the Library's curbside pick-up station for Commissioners to pick up prior to the meeting at their convenience. The Commission agreed to try this new approach for the October 14, 2020 meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Clerk Jeffrey Bosworth; second by Commissioner Frances Corgnati and approved by roll call vote four (4) – zero (0)

Respectfully submitted.

Bethany Yeo,
Planning & Community Development Director

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