

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25th, 2019 MEETING

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on September 25th, 2019 in the conference room at the Longmeadow Police Station.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Al Laakso, Andrea Chasen, Christopher Nolan, David Dumais.

Absent: John Bresnahan, James Ryan, Stephen Gazillo.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Prickett and James Rivers from DPC Engineering

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Chair Al Laakso made a motion to accept the minutes of August 28th, 2019 as presented and David Dumais seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0, minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salary \$5,386.64, Maintenance \$665.26, Office Supplies \$100, Miscellaneous \$-182. Wetlands Protection Fund \$7,360.65, ConCom Trust Fund \$9,289.80

OOB EXTENSION – TOWN OF LONGMEADOW'S LEAF RECYCLING PROGRAM: Chair Al Laakso made a motion to accept the Extension Permit for Order of Conditions filed by Longmeadow DPW for the Town's Leaf Recycling Program under project DEP 205-312, thus extending the Order of Conditions an additional 3 years; Andrea Chasen seconded the motion, all in favor 4-0, motion approved.

NOI – MORNINGSIDE DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT (CONTINUATION): Mr. Prickett and Mr. Rivers provided the following updates:

1. Wetlands mapping was revised to reflect soil on top of riprap material that will be installed to stabilize the steep slopes and maintain the integrity of wetlands per MassDEP's request.
2. Construction detail drawings have been updated with greater detail per bidders' request.
3. Longmeadow DPW has sent out requests for right-of-entries from all parcels involved as the culvert sits on private land; however, none of the owners have signed the Notice of Intent.
4. The project's bidding process is underway.
5. Street drains have been redesigned to feed into the culvert directly.

Chair Al Laakso reflected on the importance of the project and the urgency to address the deterioration while echoing Mark Stinson's comment on the application's lack of a planting plan, an important component of an application. The commissioners expressed concerns over the lack of property owners' signatures on the application; Commissioner Christopher Nolan made a motion to continue the hearing until the next meeting on October 9 in order to secure the appropriate property owners' sign-offs and David Dumais seconded the motion, all in favor 4-0 motion passed.

Documents presented: updated NOI application and drawing numbers G-1/C-1/C-2/C-3/CD-1/CD-2/CD-3 dated September 2019 Revision #3; Memorandum dated September 25, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS – The following items were discussed:

1. Construction has begun on Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge's viewing platform off Pondsides Rd.
2. Amtrak's Birnie Road railroad crossing has been completed and should be opened to the public after passing Mass DOT's upcoming inspection.

3. The development on Twin Hills Drive, which was built in 1970s by R. E. LaPlante has been the subject of back yard flooding recently, much to the dismay of the residents. The order of conditions for the project required that all basement floors be built one foot above the water table. Three storm drains were installed on this project originating on Twin Hills Golf Course discharging into the storm drain line on Twin Hills Drive.
4. Commissioner Andrea Chasen indicated that both the Energy and Sustainability Committee as well as the Select Board would appreciate the Conservation Commission's input on the recent proliferation of Japanese Knotweed on matters related to mitigation and public education. Commissioner Christopher Nolan volunteered to look into language that may aid in the preparation of an invasive species management plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Damiano
Secretary