

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13th, 2019 MEETING

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on February 13th, 2019 in the conference room at the Longmeadow Police Station.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Al Laakso, Peter Bouvier, David Dumais, Stephen Gazillo, John Bresnahan. **Absent:** Andrea Chasen, Wayne Ottani, Christopher Nolan.

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Sisk from Longmeadow Country Club.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Chair Al Laakso made a motion to accept the minutes of October 24th, 2018 as presented. Peter Bouvier seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salary Account \$6,135.29; Maintenance \$205; Office Supplies \$47.39; Misc. \$709.58; Con Com Trust Fund \$9,195.98; Con Com Wetland Protection Fund \$7,360.65.

RDA – LONGMEADOW COUNTRY CLUB BASIN MAINTENANCE – Mr. Patrick Sisk, Superintendent of LCC was present and explained that the work to be done was to clean out silt and sand from the man-made settlement basin located east of the large irrigation pond; this type of work is an ongoing maintenance project that has been approved in the past by the Commission:

1. The material will be moved south at least 200 feet from the edge of the water.
2. Maintenance work to be done by LCC staff with the use of a 60-foot long arm excavator.
3. Work to be done from the south side of the basin as there is no access to its north side.

Chair Al Laakso indicated that, per the archives, this settling basin was the subject of an Order of Conditions back in 1980 and subsequent RDAs in 2003, 2007 and 2014, all of which have received Negative DOAs (Determination of Applicability) #2 and #6. Per various wetlands consultants that have inspected the property over the years, there are no BVWs in the basin's vicinity. Since the scope of work for the current application is identical to those previously approved by the Commission, Chair Al Laakso moved to issue a negative Determination of Applicability #2 and #6 with the condition that the Commission be notified prior to commencement of work; John Bresnahan seconded the motion, all in favor 5-0, motion passed.

Documents presented at this presentation:

1. *RDA Complete Application for LCC – 400 Shaker Rd.*

DISCUSSION – WEST RD CULVERT: Discussions for the potential removal of the culvert and subsequent ecological stream restoration project are ongoing with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, Town of Longmeadow and other consultants. There have been project review sessions with three potential contractors that submitted quotes to provide engineering and environmental services to perform this work.

OTHER BUSINESS – The following items were discussed:

1. Chair Al Laakso proposed that a portion of the Maintenance fund be used to donate a truck load of loam to the community gardens to refresh the soil; the commissioners are pleased with the recommendation and the intent is to make arrangements for fulfill this donation before the end of the fiscal year.
2. MACC Annual Meeting is March 2nd and the Commission will provide fee reimbursements for the commissioners who wish to attend.
3. The Town's MVP Program workshops will be held February 25th and 26th. Al Laakso and Andrea Chasen will participate (the latter if her FEMA schedule allows).
4. Contaminated soil removal from the new DPW site is to the old dump site on Tina Lane is essentially complete. This disposal project was recently approved by Mass DEP with the Conservation Commission providing an Emergency Certification to allow for vegetation clearing at the old dump's entrance to reinstate access to the site.
5. DPW has been in contact with Chair Al Laakso regarding a potential project on Morningside Drive, which entails the removal of the existing 24-inch culvert to be replaced with a larger 60-inch culvert. The project is still in its planning phase and a Notice of Intent will have to be filed with the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Damiano
Secretary