

## **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2007 MEETING**

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:34 PM on January 24, 2007, in the Conference Room located at the Longmeadow Fire Station, Williams Street.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Bresnahan, Albert Laakso, Sheri Knight, Scott Foster, Steve Gazillo and Jim Simon; Absent: Karen Chadwell. Michael Houff did not attend; he notified the Commission in writing that he regretfully was resigning due to business conflicts.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** see attached

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** The minutes of January 10, 2007, were accepted as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Salary account, \$2610.72; Maintenance account, \$850; Misc. account, \$390.65. The 2008, year budget was submitted to the Select Board. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Al Laakso also reported that minor modifications to the Rules & Regulations for Conservation Land were made. Under part 1, #8, he added non-motorized boating. Also, under part 2, # 6, the words "application of " replaced the word "disseminating".

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Re: Meadow and Bark Haul roads are sites being considered for the installation of a cell tower in the SW portion of town. John Bresnahan, CC Chair, and Mike Wrabel of the DPW walked the sites and favor the site off of Bark Haul Road. The CC will discuss the Conservation Land rules at the next meeting.

**RDA – I-91 Project** – Tim Meyer represented the Mass. Highway Dept. He explained that the project was the design and deployment of an Intelligent Transportation System (traffic management system) along the entire length of I-91 in Longmeadow from the Ct/Mass. State line to the Longmeadow/Springfield line. An environmental (wetland) scientist will be responsible for ensuring that the work will not impact and resource areas. All work will be conducted in the buffer zone area and riverfront areas. The work will start in late summer.

Motion was made and passed to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with the following conditions:

1. That the memo dated January 9, 2007 be attached to the RDA.
2. Prior to the start of any work, the Wetland Scientist and or other qualified individual will confirm in writing that the work will not impact any environmental resource areas and that the work may proceed in accordance with any and all existing environmental permits.
3. Should a problem arise in the wetland area beyond 10' path, the wetland scientist will be required to notify the Conservation Commission.

**NOI – 205-279** – Melissa Coady and Ron Michalski from Tighe & Bond represented the Town of Longmeadow. The project will extend the existing water system to the residents of West Road and Dunn Road. All work will be outside the riverfront area. The Town will submit a BRP WS 32 application to the DEP Drinking Water Program.

A letter from the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife was received stating that the project, as currently proposed, will not adversely affect the actual Resource Area Habitat of state protected rare wildlife species.

The water main will only go as far as the last house on Dunn Road, along the full length of Dunn Road and along a portion of West Road extending from Dunn Road to the existing water main just north of the mapped Wheelmeadow Brook. All work will occur within Bordering Land subject to Flooding (BLSF) of the Connecticut River.

Residents will be responsible for connection to pipe for drinking water. Hydrants will have to be flushed periodically to maintain water quality.

The project will be out for bid in the next two months. Work may start in May or June.

Chairman, John Bresnahan wished to make a site visit. Hydrant locations will be staked. The question of easement will be presented to the Select Board along with the question of using Conservation land. John Bresnahan asked applicant for a continuation to the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Applicant approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Esther M. Moomjian, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY,  
February 14, 2007, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE LONGMEADOW  
POLICE STATION, WILLIAMS STREET.**