

## **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2011 MEETING**

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM on April 27, 2011, in the Conference Room located at the Longmeadow Police Station.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Albert Laakso, Chair; Peter Bouvier, Michael Schneider, John Bresnahan and Stephen Gazillo; Absent: James Simon and James Wheeler.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Paula Welch, Douglas Sarnelli, Heather Comee

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** The minutes of April 13, 2011 were accepted as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Salary acct \$1344; Maintenance \$1085.32; Misc. \$233.02

**RDA – 25 MEADOWBROOK ROAD Cont'd** – The public meeting was reopened. Four commissioners made a site visit on April 20<sup>th</sup>. A 25' x 14' patio is to be constructed on the existing lawn. Patios are exempt as minor activities in the riverfront area when required conditions are met. A retaining wall of concrete interlocking blocks will be constructed on a sloped section of the pre-existing lawn by Joe Panzetti Landscapers. A drainage pipe will also be installed. A motion was made to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with reason #5, exempt – 310 CMR 10.58 (6) (b) with the condition that the Conservation Commission be notified for inspection of a silt fence before commencing with the work. Motion passed 5-0.

**NOI 205-300 – 674 WOLF SWAMP ROAD** – Heather Comee of Pioneer Environmental Inc. reviewed the project that proposes the removal of invasive species plants and the planting of native species. There will be 17 sq. feet of alteration of the wetlands by the removal of the invasive plants, which will be removed from the property. Eighty native plants are to be planted. This project will enhance the wetlands. The contractor will be Classic Landscapes of Ludlow. Mr. Sarnelli explained that a limb on a red maple tree will be removed. A site visit was scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, at 9 AM. The public hearing will be continued to the next meeting.

**NOI 205-299 – 272 SHAKER ROAD** – Commissioner Michael Schneider recused himself as his firm represents Dr. Swierzewski III. Heather Comee of Pioneer Environmental Inc. reviewed the project. There will be an addition to the house and a swimming pool will be installed within the existing lawn area. There will be no change in the grade. A site visit was scheduled for the morning of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The public hearing will be continued to the next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** A complaint was received from a resident on Ely Road regarding the building of a bike trail on conservation land. Chair Al Laakso and Stephen Gazillo made a site visit and found that children had actually built mounds for jumping over with their bikes. The Conservation Commission encourages people to use the land for hiking and use of non-motorized bikes but prohibits the use of motorized bikes or vehicles or alteration of land. A new sign will be put up by the DPW.

Tom Baggott, farmer, will be at the next meeting to discuss his plans for the new growing season.

Commissioner Stephen Gazillo met with AMTRAK officials and rode the rails to observe the no-spray zone. He reported that AMTRAK would like to come before the Commission for approval of additional spraying of weeds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Esther Moomjian, Secretary