

## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2011 MEETING**

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM on February 23, 2011, in the Conference Room located at the Longmeadow Fire Station.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lou Kornet, John Mientus, Kerry and Jeff Rintoul

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** The minutes of February 9, 2011 were accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Salary acct \$2523.77; Maintenance \$1000.

**RDA – 27 CRANWELL LANE** - Jeff Rintoul reviewed the plan for the Commission requesting permission to remove large oak tree in front of the house as it is damaging the driveway. Grass will be planted in the same area and all wood would be removed. A motion was made to issue a Negative Determination on the Request for Determination of Applicability for 27 Cranwell Lane with reason #2. There will not be any adverse impact. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

**RDA – PIONEER VALLEY YACHT CLUB** – Lou Kornet and John Mientus, grounds manager, reviewed the plans. There will be some trimming of trees and removal of trees that are in poor condition or dead. The trees present a safety hazard to both property and people. A site inspection by the Commission was made last fall. Replacement trees will be planted; Mr. Kornet referred the Commission to the map included with the RDA that showed the trees to be removed were numbered and to expect 5 trees a year to be worked on. The CC suggested using discretion when replacing the trees. A motion was made to issue a Negative Determination on the Request for Determination of Applicability at the PVYC with reason #2 and with the special condition that the PVYC will notify the CC on an annual basis of trees to be removed. The motion was approved, 4-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Chair Al Laakso announced that every January bird watchers go out and count eagles. A record number were counted, 107 bald eagles, from Pittsfield to Plymouth.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Esther Moomjian, Secretary