

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2007 MEETING

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:04 PM on October 10, 2007, in the conference room of the Longmeadow Police Station.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bresnahan, Albert Laakso, Stephen Gazillo, Jim Simon and Karen Chadwell. Absent: Peter Bouvier and Scott Foster.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Hoff

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: The minutes of September 12, 2007, were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salary account, \$4608.92; Maintenance account, \$500.00; Misc. account, \$456.01. Treasurer's report was accepted.

NOI – 205-282- FANNIE STEBBINS/CONSERVATION COMMISSION – re: the Japanese Knotweed project - As a file number for the NOI was received from the DEP and all information requested was received, a motion and passed to approve the NOI with the following conditions: 1. The Conservation Commission requests that it receive each year a letter stating plan of work with starting dates and ending dates. 2. Licensed applicators with Mass. Approved licenses and proof of liability insurance only should be doing the work within jurisdictional areas. 3. This order is valid for 5 (five) years.

NOI-DPW – Leaf Program – Although a file # from the DEP had not been received to date, the Commission continued the hearing on the leaf program. Richard Haraty of the DPW was to submit a site plan and an assessor's map of the work area. The chairman closed the hearing and motion was made and passed to approve the NOI pursuant to receiving the DEP file # and data with the following conditions:

1. No plastic trash bags
2. Trash receptacles.
3. Dumping in only specified areas identified by the DPW.
4. Leaves must be tilled into the soil by January 1, 2008.
5. All monitoring of water quality spring and fall during life of this project.
6. Surveying of elevation of land.
7. Copies of results of tests forwarded to CC within 30 days of tests.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Joel Rahn of Severn St. will be on the October 24th agenda to discuss his plans for pruning trees on the property. The CC will ask Mr. Rahn to submit a management plan.

Steve Gazillo reported that he met with Dave Marinelli and Ed Tremble of the Glen Arden Association, which wants to cut down trees that are dead on Overbrook Road and plant new trees. The association has many plans. All the work area is under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. A possible NOI might be needed. Steve set up a date for a site visit, Saturday, October 13th at 9:30AM.

Other Business cont'd: Stephen Gazillo, Conservation Commissioner and also a member of the CPC, and Bill Hoff, Chairman of the Longmeadow Community Preservation Commission (CPC) made a slide presentation of how the CPC is working for our town. Bill stated that Longmeadow currently has approximately \$700,000 available to fund projects in 2008. The CPC is now accepting applications for project recommendations, which must be received no later than Monday, December 3, 2007 for consideration and approval at the annual Town Meeting held in the Spring, 2008. More information is available on the CPC link at www.longmeadow.org. The CC thanked Mr. Hoff for his presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther M. Moomjian, Secretary

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, in the conference room at the Longmeadow Police Station, Williams Street.