

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2007 MEETING

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:35 PM on February 28, 2007, in the conference room at the Longmeadow Police Station.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bresnahan, Albert Laakso, Jim Simon, Karen Chadwell and Sheri Knight.

OTHERS PRESENT: see attached

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: The minutes of February 15, 2007, were accepted as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salary account, \$2051.64; Maintenance account, \$850; Misc. account, \$390.65. It was reported that the 2008 budget for CC was reduced; Maintenance budget was cut to \$500. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

NOI – 205-279 – West Road & Dunn Road – Water main project – The Commission verified that the water main project extends to existing last house standing on Dunn Road. Motion was made to issue an Order of Conditions approving the Notice of Intent 205-279 as described in the Tighe & Bond packet and with the condition that the Notice of Intent and the Order of Conditions be reviewed by the contractor doing the actual work. Motion passed unanimously. Bids will go out soon and the work will begin in the spring.

JAPANESE KNOTWEED – Members of the Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge were present along with Chris Polatin of Polatin Ecological Associates to request approval from the CC to remove 9 acres of Japanese Knotweed from Fannie Stebbins property, from Longmeadow Conservation land and a small population from the Longmeadow Water Department property. (5.3 acres from CC land; 2.8 acres from Fannie Stebbins and 0.9 acres from Water Dept.)

Chris Polatin, a licensed restoration habitat specialist, passed out material on how the weed would be eradicated. He explained that the plan is to cut all of the plants on June 1st; herbicide spray 6 weeks later for good control. A motorized mist blower with wand would be used to spray plants. Before signing the approval form, John Bresnahan will contact Mark Stenson re: possible RDA to be submitted to CC. The Commission will contact Kate Leary with the results.

OTHER BUSINESS: Karen Chadwell requested that the starting time of the meetings be moved up to 7PM. All present agreed and voted to change the time to 7PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther M. Moomjian, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 14, 2007, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE LONGMEADOW
POLICE STATION, WILLIAMS STREET.**