

## **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2008 MEETING**

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM on August 14, 2008, in the Conference Room located at the Longmeadow Fire Station, Williams Street.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Albert Laakso, Jim Simon, Stephen Gazillo, and Peter Bouvier.  
Absent: Karen Chadwell, John Bresnahan and James Wheeler.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jayson Falcone

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** The minutes of June 26, 2008 were accepted as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Salary account: \$6632.18; Maintenance: \$1000.00; Misc.: \$451.00. Commissioner Peter Bouvier reported that the Select Board authorized the purchase of a new Dell Laptop computer to be paid out of the Wetlands Filing Fees account. Also MACC dues were paid. A contribution of \$100 was sent to the Connecticut River Watershed Council.

**7:10 PM – Resident, Jayson Falcone of 50 Dennis Road** came before the Commission, at its request, to discuss the cutting down of several trees on his property. Chair, Al Laakso explained that the area behind Dennis Road, Tennyson Drive, was delineated as wetlands in the 1980's when NOI's were submitted to build Tennyson Drive and to construct houses. Mr. Falcone presented pictures of his yard and area around his home and pointed out where the trees were cut along the edge of the backyard to extend his lawn area. It was determined that this area was within 100 feet of the wetlands. Mr. Falcone claimed he did not know his property backed up to wetlands. The Commission will require Mr. Falcone to file a NOI to validate the work that was done.

Motion was made that Mr. Falcone of 50 Dennis Road is requested to file a Notice of Intent to describe the project to clear trees and brush in that area and restoration of the area. Motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Also on the agenda - that the Open Space Plan needed updating per Robin Crosbie. Chair Al Laakso asked the Commissioners to consider being on the committee. Stephen Gazillo and Jim Simon volunteered to be on the committee.

Discussion ensued on the following list of possible Conservation Commission projects to file with the Community Preservation Committee: Knotweed Project; Restoration of the Pomeroy Barn; Mapping to identify conservation land with photos. Applications will be accepted soon.

Al Laakso reported that he had updated the CC web site. He also made a site visit to 12 Twin Brook Circle; the resident had called about trees that were cut down by a neighbor at 38 Twin Brook Circle; new plantings were put in and a patio was expanded. Mr. Laakso determined that the area was not a wetland area and was not under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

An Emergency Certification for was signed off; WMECO needed access on Mill Road to restore electrical service to the area.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Esther Moomjian, Secretary**