

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 MEETING

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:04 PM on September 25, 2008, in the Conference Room located at the Longmeadow Fire Station, Williams Street.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Wrabel and Edward Dzielenski

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: The minutes of September 11, 2008 were accepted as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salary account: \$5862.62; Maintenance: \$1000; Misc.: \$451.00. Peter Bouvier reported that several Birch trees were destroyed at Turner Park; Rich Haraty of the DPW will replace the trees at a cost of approximately \$300 donated by the Conservation Commission.

7:10 PM – RDA – Bark Haul and Pondsides Roads: Ed Dzielenski, President of Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge, and Michael Wrabel of the DPW presented information on the Beaver Deceivers requested in the RDA. Three pipes have been plugged up by Beavers and causing flooding. The installation of the Beaver Deceivers would keep water off the trail and control the size of the beaver pond. Ed Dzielenski described the work to be done:

I. Install a Beaver Deceiver (flow device) in the pond, which is 200 ft. West of the intersection of Bark Haul Road and Pondsides Road. The pond is adjacent to West Gate at Bark Haul Road.

II. Install a Beaver Deceiver in the pond, which is part of Longmeadow Brook, East of its tunnel under Pondsides Road.

All work will be done by hand; Mike Callahan of Beaver Solutions would do the installation work. There would be no impact on the wetlands.

Motion was made and passed to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with reason # 2.

OTHER BUSINESS:

POMEROY BARN: At the previous conservation meeting there was discussion regarding maintenance of the barn or tearing it down. The CPC (Community Preservation Committee) was approached regarding funds. We received information that CPC did not want to use their funds at the present time, as this proposal would go to Town meeting next year.

Mike Wrabel knows of a gentleman who has restored barns and removed barns. The cost to evaluate and come up with a plan to restore the barn would be \$700. There are funds available in the CC fund to pay for the report by the barn expert.

Motion was made to expend the \$700 to hire the barn expert to evaluate the Pomeroy Barn. Motion passed.

Jim Simon researched the potential of the Conservation Commission's requests on road signage re: changes on Tina Lane, Pondsides Road and Bark Haul Road. The report will be included in with the Conservation members' packet and put on the next meeting's agenda.

50 DENNIS ROAD: Stephen Gazillo received a call from a neighbor complaining of the cutting down of the trees at 50 Dennis Road. At the last delineation, the land was determined as wetlands.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Esther Moomjian, Secretary**