

## MINUTES OF JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 MEETING

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A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:01 P.M. on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and was again conducted remotely, this time consistent with Governor Baker's Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 extending certain provisions that were previously held during the state of emergency.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Al Laakso, David Dumais, Patrick Carnahan, Christopher Nolan, John Bresnahan, Kimberly Barton, Andrea Chasen, **Absent:** Kiernan Mulcahy.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Tomaszewski, Kaitlin Gamache.

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** Chair Al Laakso made a motion, and was seconded by Mr. Dumais, to accept the minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as amended. Roll call vote - Mr. Laakso, yes; Ms. Chasen: yes; Mr. Dumais: yes; Mr. Bresnahan: yes; Mr. Nolan: yes; Mr. Carnahan: yes. Motion passed 6-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Salary \$2,891.12, Maintenance: \$800, Office Supplies \$100, Miscellaneous \$104, Wetlands Protection Fund \$7,758.15, ConCom Trust Fund \$9,613.88.

**RDA – TREE REMOVAL AT 65 YORK DR.:** Mr. Tomaszewski provided the following details:

- a) The property consists of a large lot with a single family dwelling unit and a heavily forested area where the perennial Wheelmeadow Brook runs through.
- b) Two wetlands have been identified in the property and a third one was identified in the abutting Conservation Commission-owned vacant lot; the proposed work falls within the buffer zones for these two elements.
- c) The work consists of removing three trees that have been identified by an arborist as hazardous to the public and property by cutting them to grade and leaving the stumps in place, thus avoiding any earthwork.

After praising the thoroughness of the application and indicating that the area is heavily forested thus tree replacement would only be a recommendation for the applicant instead of a requirement, Chair Al Laakso made a motion, and was seconded by Mr. Bresnahan, to issue a Positive Determination #2a citing "bordering vegetated wetland, river bank and riverfront area" as well as Negative Determinations #2 and #6. Roll call vote - Mr. Laakso, yes; Ms. Chasen: yes; Mr. Dumais: yes; Mr. Bresnahan: yes; Mr. Nolan: yes; Mr. Carnahan: yes. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.

*Documents presented: RDA Drawing W-1 dated 12/13/2021.*

**OTHER BUSINESS** – The following items were discussed:

1. Ms. Chasen had recently shared with the rest of the commissioners the town's 2004 Long Range Plan with the intention of starting a conversation on possible updates. It was mentioned that in 2017, at the request of the Select Board, the Conservation Commission, prepared a 5-10-15-20 year Long Range Plan as well. With Assist. TM Corrin Meise-Munns considering whether to apply for an MVP Action Grant that would, in part, fund the review and update process of the town's 2004 Long Range Plan, the consensus was to review the commission's two-page plan in the coming weeks and make any necessary adjustments that could be later incorporated into the town-wide plan.
2. Mr. Bresnahan encouraged commissioners to review this year's CPA funding application for a Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study of Bliss and Laurel Parks as well as the Master Landscape Plan for Bliss & Laurel Parks prepared by The Conway School in anticipation of the CPC's upcoming regular meeting and public hearing on the topic.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bianca Damiano*