

MINUTES OF JUNE 24th, 2020 MEETING

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A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:01 P.M. on June 24th, 2020 and was again conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth related to the Covid19 pandemic.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Al Laakso, David Dumais, Kiernan Mulcahy, Andrea Chasen, John Bresnahan, Christopher Nolan. **Absent:** Stephen Gazillo.

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Thurber and Geoff McAlmond from DPW; Bari Jarvis from LPRD; John Hammer, Mark Arigoni and Mike Gagnon from Millone & MacBroom; Christina Wagner.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Chair Al Laakso made a motion, and was seconded by Mr. Bresnahan, to accept the minutes of June 10th, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Mr. Laakso: yes; Mr. Dumais: yes; Mr. Mulcahy: yes, Ms. Chasen: yes, Mr. Bresnahan: Mr. Nolan: yes. All in favor 6-0, motion passed, minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salary \$1,434.01, Maintenance \$425.26, Office Supplies \$100, Miscellaneous \$0, Wetlands Protection Fund \$7,360.65, ConCom Trust Fund \$9,452.61.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER – 1255 WILLIAMS ST.: Ms. Wagner has received one proposal but is awaiting proposals from other contractors before being able to make a decision. The commission has requested that Ms. Wagner furnish via email all proposals as soon as she received them as well as the name of the tree company that performed the work; an extension has been granted and the matter is to be continued at the next scheduled meeting on July 8th.

RDA – WOLF SWAMP ATHLETIC FIELDS RENOVATIONS: The data provided in the informational letter and general well report provided to the commission indicates that well water withdrawal won't trigger a MassDEP Water Withdrawal permit. Key items described by Mr. McAlmond and Mr. Arigoni are as follows:

1. The well's source is a deep water aquifer located at a depth of nearly 700 feet, therefore posing no adverse impact on the area's groundwater or wetlands. While Mr. McAlmond clarified that the intent is to irrigate the fields with well water on a regular basis, the DPW considered the decision to provide a connection to the municipal water system a sound investment: a back-up water source would protect the newly renovated turf should any electrical issues ever arise with the well's pump and irrigation is inadvertently halted; furthermore, given the location of the fields towards the end of the town-wide water supply system, sporadic use of municipal water at this location allows for reduction of THM levels that pour into the system from Springfield.
2. The worst-case scenario of 6 hours/day and 6 days/week that was applied to water usage calculations, and is considered highly unlikely by the applicant, proposes a rate of 220 GPM, 79,278 gallons per day and 475,667 gallons per week.
3. The current proposed ratio for municipal/well water use is 120 GPM/100 GPM, respectively; the system is designed to allow for adjustments of the allowable ranges.

Mr. Nolan made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bresnahan, to issue a Positive Determination 2A for the project “Wolf Swamp Athletic Fields Renovations”. Roll call vote: Mr. Laakso: yes; Mr. Dumais: yes; Mr. Mulcahy: yes, Ms. Chasen: yes, Mr. Bresnahan: Mr. Nolan: yes. All in favor 6-0, motion passed.

In addition, Mr. Laakso made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bresnahan, to issue Negative Determinations #2 and #6 for the project “Wolf Swamp Athletic Fields Renovations”. Roll call vote: Mr. Laakso: yes; Mr. Dumais: yes; Mr. Mulcahy: yes, Ms. Chasen: yes, Mr. Bresnahan: yes, Mr. Nolan: no. Vote was 5 in favor and 1 opposed 5-1, motion passed.

The applicant has agreed to abide by the commission’s request of providing notification of erosion control devices installation prior to work commencement and of providing copies of the weekly project logs to be generated as part of the EPA’s Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) guidelines for public projects.

Documents presented: M&M Informational letter dated June 16, 2020 + General Well Report dated 6/29/2018 performed by Connecticut Valley Artesian Well Co.

OTHER BUSINESS – The following items were discussed:

1. At the Annual Town Meeting held on June 23rd, the residents adopted the wetland bylaw revisions proposed by the commission and also approved the CPC grant related to Japanese Knotweed Management Plan on Conservation Land located at Chestnut Road.
2. The Conway School has identified funding opportunities for the Bliss and Laurel Parks Master Landscaping Plan; an application was submitted for the portion of work related to restoration of Cooley Brook and an answer is expected later on this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Damiano