

MINUTES OF AUGUST 9TH, 2023 MEETING

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Physical Location: Longmeadow Adult Center's Classroom 1 – 211 Maple Rd., Longmeadow, MA 01106

Due to a lack of quorum, the start of the meeting was delayed. A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair John Bresnahan at 8:27 P.M. on August 9th, 2023 and was conducted in a hybrid format, consistent with the March 29, 2023 Bill extending certain provisions that were previously held during the state of emergency.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair John Bresnahan, David Dumais, Kiernan Mulcahy, Kimberly Barton.

Absent: Patrick Carnahan, Andrea Chasen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Assist. TM Corrin Meise-Munns, Selectmen Mark Gold and Dan Zwirko, Katie Weaver, Tom Lachiusa, Al Laakso, Chris Karney, Troy Barry, Jean Parker.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Chair John Bresnahan made a motion, and was seconded by Mr. Dumais, to accept the minutes of July 27th, 2023 as presented. Roll call vote - Mr. Dumais: yes; Mr. Mulcahy: yes; Mr. Bresnahan: yes; Ms. Barton: yes. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salary \$5,729.55; Maintenance: \$5,000; Office Supplies \$100; Miscellaneous \$1,176; Conservation Agent \$21,705; Wetlands Protection Fund \$7,877.15; ConCom Trust Fund \$9,819.95. The new category of Conservation Agent was introduced for this fiscal year after it was approved at Town Meeting.

NOI – DEP 205-340 - 82 DUNN ROAD, HOME RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT: Mr. Chris Karney from Pioneer Land Planning, LLC presented the following project highlights:

- a) The scope of work entails the reconstruction of a single-family home that was lost to a fire recently upon the existing foundation of the previous residence along and with limited improvements such as a basement bulkhead for egress purposes, a deck, a porch, an extension to the existing attached garage, and associated site improvements.
- b) A 300 square-foot area of mitigation plantings will be installed near the delineated bank of the Connecticut River. Additionally, an existing deck and set of stairs near the river will be removed. The remainder portion of the site is to remain intact.
- c) Due to the project's location on a riverfront lot, a portion of the subject property lies within the jurisdiction of the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) but does not include the area containing the proposed building's footprint.
- d) Elevations within the proposed work area are approximately 55-56', with a top of wall elevation at the home foundation of 57'.
- e) Stormwater management regulations are not applicable for this case.
- f) While the new structure will sit on existing foundation, the aforementioned limited improvements trigger compliance with requirements for compensatory flood storage and impervious surface increase as described in the Riverfront Redevelopment Standards and Wetlands Bylaws, but such items prove cost-prohibitive. That said, to mitigate the impacts of these minor property improvements that increase overall impervious surface totals and which are not anticipated to generate adverse impact, the property owners are proposing a 300 square-foot landscape restoration area near the delineated bank, where the existing lawn area will be planted with woody shrubs. Additionally, Mr. Karney is requesting relief from the compliance of compensatory storage requirements.
- g) The project is also required to apply for a Special Permit from the ZBA.

The commission wishes to further look into the relief requests as well as conduct a site visit, with the latter being scheduled for Friday August 18th at 4pm. Furthermore, Chair John Bresnahan made a motion, and was seconded by Mr. Dumais, to continue the public hearing to August 30th, 2023. Roll call vote - Mr. Dumais: yes; Mr. Mulcahy: yes; Mr. Bresnahan: yes; Ms. Barton: yes. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.

DISCUSSION – RUSSELL ROONEY BROOK PRESENTATION: Due to time constraints and the absence of some commissioners, the topic was deferred to the next available meeting.

DISCUSSION – PRESENTATION ON COOLEY BROOK H&H STUDY RESULTS: Due to time constraints and the absence of some commissioners, the topic was addressed in a different format and consequently removed from the agenda. The commission acknowledge the detailed work performed by consultant Tighe & Bond as well as Assist. TM Corrin Meise-Munns throughout the past year.

OTHER BUSINESS – The following items were discussed:

1. Chair John Bresnahan continues to engage in communications with DPW Director Sean Van Deusen as they continue to review increased beaver activity in floodplain and uncover new dams.
2. David Dumais continues to work with R Levesque & Associates to update the riverfront area's project plan per the discussions held at the previous meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Damiano