

## **MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2016 MEETING**

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on January 27, 2016 in the conference room at the Longmeadow Police Station.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Al Laakso, Sheri Knight; Stephen Gazillo, David Dumais, John Bresnahan. Absent: Peter Bouvier.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cynthia Boettner, Tashanique Daniels, Moira Murphy

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** The minutes of January 13, 2016 were accepted as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** N/A

**RDA – Silvio O. Conte Fish & Wildlife Refuge – Longmeadow Flats -** Cynthia Boettner represented the Silvio O. Conte Fish & Wildlife Refuge working on 37 sites within 13 communities and Longmeadow has one known water chestnut site. She is seeking approval to continue hand pulling the water chestnut with the help of trained partners, summer youth crews and volunteers. The invasive plant came from Asia. The plant surfaces from late May to mid-June. The work will be done mostly in July into August. The plant would be placed on higher ground in piles until it dries out and then disposed of. The Commissioners made several suggestions on whom to contact for volunteers for the project. Ms. Boettner would also like to survey other water bodies. She is looking into using drones but would need to check on FAA rules, regulations, requirements, etc.

Motion was made to approve the Request for Determination for the Silvio O. Conte Fish & Wildlife Refuge and issue a Negative Determination with reasons #2 and #6. Motion passed 5-0 unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Moira Murphy, a Longmeadow resident, had a few questions for the CC regarding the present site of the Longmeadow DPW facility. She also had questions on dams and flood plain markings. It was suggested that she consult the Army Corp of Engineers for further information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Esther M. Moomjian