

## **MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2018 MEETING**

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on March 14, 2018 in the conference room at the Longmeadow Police Station.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Al Laakso, David Dumais, Andrea Chasen, Stephen Gazillo, John Bresnahan; Absent: Peter Bouvier, Wayne Ottani.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Stephanie MacDonald, Andy Krar, Markelle Smith

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** The minutes of February 14, 2018 were accepted as presented.

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

**RDA CONVERSE ST./DWIGHT RD** – The project does not come under the Wetlands Protection Act because isolated vegetated wetlands are not regulated by the Act but are subject to the Longmeadow Wetlands Bylaw which regulates isolated vegetated wetlands. Stephanie MacDonald from Fuss & O'Neil reviewed the plans. The proposed work is the widening of Dwight Road in the area of a proposed medical site and reconfiguring the intersection of Converse St. and Dwight Rd; installation of crosswalks, sidewalks for safe pedestrian access along with safe bike paths, drainage structures and piping for roadway drainage control. Hay bales and silt fencing will be installed on both sides of the proposed work. The CC requested that creative plantings be considered to protect the border of the isolated wetlands. Motion was made to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for the Converse St. and Dwight Rd. project with the accepted plan dated February 18, 2018 with reasons #1 and #6 with the following special conditions: That the Conservation Commission be notified when the silt fencing is up for approval and that the applicant provide the Conservation Commission with a planting restoration plan for approval before construction begins. Motion passed 5-0 unanimously.

**NATURE CONSERVANCY** – Markelle Smith of the Nature Conservancy discussed the protection and utilization of CC land that is adjacent to Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge and whether the Town would be interested in a future proposed restoration plan regarding proposed trails, flood plain land being restored and protection of the land as part of the Silvio O. Conte Wildlife Refuge. The CC agreed to consider a restoration plan. It was noted that Article 97 may come into the picture. Ms. Smith offered to look into the matter further and return to the CC at a later date. Ms. Smith announced that there would be tree plantings at Fannie Stebbins on April 21, 2018 between 10AM – 12PM as part of the floodplain restoration project that is underway.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Chair Al Laakso mentioned the Emergency Certification Form that was issued for the wash out on Longmeadow St. in January in the vicinity of Longmeadow Brook. Because of a second wash out, additional work was required by the DPW and Eversource. Chair Al Laakso reminded Commissioners John Bresnahan and Stephen Gazillo that their terms expire in June and that they need to reapply with the

Select Board. Commissioners Al Laakso and Peter Bouvier met at Bay Path University on March 12<sup>th</sup> to inspect a project to extend the paving behind a dormitory building near Wheelmeadow Brook to allow DPW trucks to gain access to the sewage grinder pump. The University will be coming before the CC with an RDA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Esther Moomjian