

## **MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2018 MEETING**

A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on July 11, 2018 in the conference room at the Longmeadow Police Station.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Reed from Heritage Surveys; Michael Giampietro from Bay Path University

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** The minutes of May 23, 2018 were accepted as presented. All in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Salary Account \$8,845; Maintenance \$300; Office Supplies \$100; Misc. \$800; Con Com Trust Fund \$9,085.10; Con Com Wetland Protection Fund \$7,524.65.

**NEW BUSINESS – RDA: BAY PATH UNIVERSITY –** Mr. Mark Reed indicated that work is to be performed behind Theinert Hall building with Bay Path's main campus. The proposal is the relocation of an existing 5-foot wide walkway behind this building approximately 6' further away from the building and fill the gap with gravel to allow for proper storm water drainage. Along the relocated walkway a new 15-foot wide paved maintenance travel way is being proposed to allow Town truck access to the existing sewer grinder pump station. To effectively redirect the storm water runoff generated by the new pavement, a 3-foot wide and 2-foot deep crushed stone drainage area will be installed along the edge of the travel way, which will contain a 4" perforated PVC pipe to be connected to the existing storm water drain lines. In addition to this, two existing catch basins will be replaced with new ones with water/oil separators and the existing parking area near the project will be repaved and existing curbs will be replaced. Commissioner Bresnahan asked if the storm water management calculations considered a 10-year rainstorm scenario to which Mr. Reed indicated that the calculations had been performed. Chair Laakso made a motion to issue a Negative Determination #2 as well as a Negative Determination #6 based on Longmeadow Wetlands Bylaws with the condition that the applicant must notify the Conservation Commission upon completion of the erosion control devices installation for proper inspection prior to work commencement.

**NEW BUSINESS – LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR CORNER OF DWIGHT RD. & CONVERSE ST. –** The Commission reviewed the plant selection and location based on the drawing provided by Andrew Krar from DPW and approved the plan as presented.

**OTHER BUSINESS** - Chair Al Laakso proceeded to inform the Commissioners on various topics:

1. David Sagan from Silvio O. Conte Wildlife Refuge reached out recently with further details on the viewing platform presented to the Commission on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and it was determined that the work is within the parameters of an future RDA.

2. Columbia Gas reached out recently about the intent to connect two existing main gas lines in West Chestnut Street/Benton Drive area and based on the documents presented the work is also within the parameters of an RDA (a similar application was filed by Eversource in the same location). However, Commissioner Chasen expressed that, due to her involvement in the Town's Energy and Sustainability Committee, it has come to her attention that Columbia Gas has various projects in the area and may not be providing cohesive information to the Town's various public bodies, which is causing some communication concerns; she wishes to inform the Commission on this situation.
3. Chair Laakso inspected the site of the new DPW facility at 170 Dwight Rd. to ensure compliance with stipulations set forth in the Order or Conditions.
4. Informal site visits for two projects (Dunn Rd. and Ridgeway Circle) seem to indicate that both projects are idle.
5. Geoffrey McAlmond recently provided information on floating docks available from Federal Surplus that could be acquired for use on Conservation Land if applicable. While the idea seems appealing, Chair Laakso, as well as Commissioners Ottani and Bresnahan, raise concerns over maintenance and custodianship, depth of water at the proposed location (Conservation Land riverfront), complexity of required Mass DEP Chapter 91 permit filing, vandalism and liability. Further information has been requested to better establish all scenarios.
6. An Enforcement Form was sent to the homeowner of 1255 Williams St. due to the discovery of unauthorized tree cutting activity. The Commission hasn't received a response.

Commissioner Chasen commented on the Select Board's desire to create a Hazardous Waste Bylaw and whether or not the Conservation Commission would be able to contribute on the process. Due to her presence being required at another Town meeting, Ms. Chasen was excused.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Damiano  
*Secretary*