

MINUTES OF MARCH 9th, 2022 MEETING

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A meeting of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:01 P.M. on March 9th, 2022 and was again conducted remotely, this time consistent with Governor Baker's Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 extending certain provisions that were previously held during the state of emergency.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Al Laakso, David Dumais, Patrick Carnahan, Andrea Chasen. **Absent:** Kimberly Barton, Kiernan Mulcahy, John Bresnahan, Christopher Nolan.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cora Ottaviani and Dan Nietzsche from GZA, Bill Laplante, David Marinelli, Rebecca & Frank Vatrano.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Chair Al Laakso made a motion, and was seconded by Mr. Carnahan, to accept the minutes of February 23rd, 2022 as presented. Roll call vote - Mr. Laakso, yes; Mr. Dumais: yes; Mr. Carnahan: yes; Ms. Chasen: abstained. Motion passed 3-0 with one abstention (Andrea Chasen).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Salary \$2,076.04, Maintenance: \$800, Office Supplies \$100, Miscellaneous \$104, Wetlands Protection Fund \$8,145.65, ConCom Trust Fund \$9,616.30.

NOI – DEP NUMBER PENDING – CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT AT 220 ARDSLEY RD.: Mr. Nietzsche, with assistance from Ms. Ottaviani and Mr. Laplante, presented the following points:

- a) The applicant proposes to build a single-family home with outdoor amenities within the previously disturbed area of a 1.21-acre vacant lot with an unnamed stream flowing on the northwest portion of the lot and adjacent bordering vegetated wetlands. The 200-foot riverfront jurisdictional area was marked on site and presented in the drawing.
- b) The entire footprint of the project represents approximately 11% of the riverfront area within the lot, will be further away from the mean annual high-water mark than the previous development and will be slightly smaller than the previous structures that were in place years ago. As such, the project qualifies as improvement to the riverfront area over existing conditions per the regulations.
- c) The contractor anticipates the installation of sedimentation controls along the limit of work.
- d) The slope requirement as noted in the Longmeadow Wetlands Regulations is met.

Due to a lack of a DEP File number by MassDEP and the desire of the commissioners to see an approximate footprint of this project on the lot, it was the consensus of all parties involved to continue the hearing to March 23rd and to set a site visit for March 18th in the afternoon.

Documents presented: Wetland Site Plan for 220 Ardsley Rd. dated 12/6/2021

OTHER BUSINESS – The following items were discussed:

1. Andrea Chasen promoted the 2nd Annual Longmeadow Earth Day Cleanup event to be held on April 10th, 2022. Registration is open for cleanup volunteer and team leaders.
2. David Marinelli approached the commission with the request for a plot on the Community Gardens' perennial section of the with the intent of promoting the American Chestnut Foundation's restoration efforts by planting some American Chestnut trees as well as heirloom apple trees, with excess apples intended to be donated to the local food pantry. The commission looks forward to a discussion of the topic at the next available meeting.
3. Patrick Carnahan intends to create a group of individuals that will aid in the certification of potential vernal pools in Turner Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Damiano