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Chairperson

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**Leominster Conservation Commission  
PUBLIC MEETING LEOMINSTER  
25 West St, Room 10  
May 26, 2015 7PM  
Meeting Minutes**

## I. In Attendance

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Daniel Brodeur		Joanne M DiNardo - Conservation Agent
Kelley Freda – Chair		
Larry Gianakis, Jr.		
Julia McKinney		
Scott Pearson – Vice Chair		

## II. Hearings

There are no scheduled hearings tonight.

## III. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, the meeting is opened at 7:02p.m.
2. Enforcement
  - a. 554 Willard/22 Jytek – Mazzaferro, there is no update here but DiNardo is in touch with the Engineer. There is discussion about sending another letter that asks for soil testing and give the client 60 days. Pearson files a motion to send a letter to 554 Willard requesting that soil testing be done and brought back to the Commission within 60 days. Seconded by McKinney. It is unanimously approved by the Commission.
3. Communications
  - a. Belair Heights – 5 New House Lots – Subdivision. DiNardo shows engineering plans to the Commission. She informed the Commission that a full evaluation of the site must be done. DiNardo and Freda agree that there are more wetlands on the plans / maps then are shown right now. DiNardo found an earlier map that indicated an intermittent stream on it that the current map did not show.
  - b. Lancaster St – Hannaford Improvements. There are no wetlands nearby. They are making a grocery pick-up location.
  - c. Rt. 12, Residential house that is going to be knocked down. This is by BJ's and the car wash. They intend to raise the house and put in a car lot. There are no wetlands nearby. DiNardo will make sure that it is not in the riverfront.

4. Minutes
  - a. March 24, 2015. Pearson would like to make a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Brodeur. McKinney abstains as she was not here.
5. Old Business, there is none at this time.
6. New Business
  - a. Budget Items

The following is on DiNardo's mind. Her cell phone should be replaced. The department needs a new waterproof camera. A printer/scanner in the office needs to be replaced. She will price them out and bring the recommendations for the next meeting.
  - b. Wetland Funds Review

DiNardo has been trying to keep an eye on this funding. The funds can be used for the Wetland Protection Fund.  
Status 2013 – There was \$115,882.00 in the Wetland Protection Fund.  
Status 2014 – We took in \$6,000 and only got credit for \$4,000. We were \$2,000 short. Thus, the new total accumulating to \$122,413.00.  
Status 2015, - Not a dime has been deposited to the Wetland Protection Fund. We have taken in \$6,108.00 from all deposit slips. DiNardo is concerned because monies that should be in this Fund are not going there. Freda will send a letter to Mr. Richards tomorrow (5/27/15) and she will cc: the mayor about the Wetlands Protection Fund and what the money in this account is used for.
  - c. Database – Upgrade Funding

Wetlands Protection Database is being revised. DiNardo has been given a quote of \$620.00 to upgrade. There is enough money in the budget. DiNardo thinks this is very important to purchase. Freda says perhaps a Commission member can be sure to become familiar with this. Also the current Web site will need to be updated.
  - d. 187 Hill Street, Leominster. DiNardo had a phone call and a visit. Septic was done in the Fall months and most of the vegetation has not grown back. A request for determination has come in. The resident would like to speak at the next meeting. It is still in the jurisdictional area so the resident needs to come in. The second option is for the company who did the work on the sewer system could be asked to come in and make the property back to what it was prior to the work.
  - e. There is an encroachment issue on Willard Street. The City of Leominster did a flyover and saw that someone cleared an area on conservation land and make a tennis court out of it. Kopelman & Paige, P.C. have sent a letter to the resident advising them to return the land in natural state.
7. Certificate of Compliance, there are none at this time.
8. Extension, there are none at this time.
9. Emergency Certifications, there are none at this time.
10. Agent's Report, there is not one at this time.

11. Sign Papers
  - a. OOC- Monoosnoc Brook Greenway – Paper Work
12. Chairman's Report, there is not one at this time.
13. Next Meetings
  - a. June 9, 2015, Deadline, May 29, 2015
  - b. June 23, 2015, Deadline, June 12, 2015
14. Adjournment at 7:36 pm

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sandy Pellecchia, Conservation Scribe*

**The 8 interests identified in the Wetland Protection Act**

- (1) Protection of public and private water supply*
- (2) Protection of ground water supply*
- (3) Flood control*
- (4) Storm damage protection*
- (5) Prevention of pollution*
- (6) Protection of land containing shellfish*
- (7) Protection of fisheries*
- (8) Protection of wildlife habitat*