



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*City of Leominster, Massachusetts*

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**Leominster Conservation Commission  
Public Meeting  
25 West St, Room 10  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7PM  
Meeting Minutes**

I. In attendance:

Kelley Freda – <b>Chairperson</b>	Marco Bangrazi - <b>Conservation Agent / Environmental Inspector</b>
Daniel Brodeur	
Paul Colombo	
Larry Gianakis, Jr.	
Scott Pearson	Absent

II. The meeting is opened at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order
2. Enforcement
  - a. 375 Harvard Street – DEP File #199-781 (Expired 09/13/15). Bangrazi is still waiting on the plan due May 14<sup>th</sup>. Nothing new has been done since the last update Bangrazi gave.
3. Communications, there are none at this time.
4. Minutes
  - a. February 23, 2016 – Gianakis makes a motion to accept the February 23, 2016 minutes as accepted. Colombo seconds the motion. The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission.
5. Old Business
  - a. Rockwell Pond – It was requested of Bangrazi to bring this up with the Commission. The City would like to do work at Rockwall Pond. A property owner was not able to be determined when this project was last presented. The Commission had a study done by Aquatic Control (ATC). The Commission had questions on soil contamination and wanted the City to be responsible for no contaminates going down stream. The City would like to know what the status is with the property owner of Rockwell Pond. Freda expresses that she would not like to use herbicides on something we are not sure that we own. Gianakis said at last he was told that herbicide would go downstream no matter what. This was his biggest concern. ATC told the Commission that it would be a 10-year project and Freda’s question

was would there be funding for 10-years. Gianakis adds that the City did not want to spend money to determine who the owner was.

- i. Colombo was curious to what the process would be to find out who owned the Pond.
  - ii. Bangrazi speaks of a newspaper clipping from the 1980's about a Land Trust based out of England possibility owning the pond. Other than that, assistance would be needed by a city lawyer to determine the owner.
- b. Belair Heights Subdivision Update – April 11, 2016. Bangrazi got a Superseding Order of Commissions for the project. Mr. Gorman (property owner) will be looking to have a pre-construction meeting with Bangrazi to set up erosion controls, etc. Bangrazi has updated plans. DEP has the following new conditions:
- i. DEP has issued a letter to Mr. Gorman dated April 11, 2016. The letter states that MassDEP has completed its review of the appeal of the Order of Conditions issued on December 9, 2016 for the work done at 92 Belair Heights.
  - ii. The letter includes the lengthy WPA Form 5 – Superseding Order of Conditions. A copy of this form is on file with Marco Bangrazi – Leominster Conservation Agent / Environmental Inspector.
  - iii. Freda asks Bangrazi to check with Joe Bellino (MassDEP) before he proceeds with the pre-construction plans.

## 6. New Business

- a. Dog Waste - Signs for Conservation Land. Pertaining to Bassett Forest (Lassie League off of Central Street). There is still an issue with dog waste being left on the site. Bassett Forest would like for the Leominster Conservation Commission to post signs for dog walkers to pick up the dog waste.
  - i. Gianakis asks if a paid signage is necessary. He asks what if we got them one of those posts with dog waste bags.
  - ii. Freda says that Barrett Park may have an old one that Basset Forest can use.
  - iii. Colombo asks if dog owners are notified when they license their dogs. The answer is yes.
  - iv. Freda suggests that perhaps the Leominster Champion can do an article on the topic and stress that violators will be fined. Bangrazi will talk to the Leominster Champion and the Board of Health.

7. Certificate of Compliance, there are none at this time.
8. Extension Permits, 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.



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11. Sign Papers
12. Chairman's Report there is not one at this time.
13. Next Meeting
  - a. May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Deadline, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016
14. Adjournment at 7:23pm.

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*
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