

Conservation Commission Minutes July 12, 2022

The Conservation Commission meeting opened at 6:00 PM.

Chuck Raymond (Interim Chair), Jeff Goyne, Richard Gullick, Michael Cichy, and Conservation Agent, Nicholas Kremp, were present.

Public Hearings:

Pursuant to MGL CH 131 § 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Leominster Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on a Request for Determination of Applicability regarding the installation of a lawn and associated grading. Address 135 Farm Hill Rd, Map and Parcel 504-40.

The homeowners, Richard and Donna Sontag, for the application introduced the project and provided the Conservation Commission with an overview. They explained that there had been stumps in the yard, and they wanted to remove and grind them. There is a pond directly across the street, so the work would extend to the buffer zone. The plan is to loam and ensure the area is in good order. They would implement erosion controls and hydroseed the area. The Commission agreed that a negative determination 2B would be appropriate.

Mr. Cichy made a motion to grant a negative 2B determination. Mr. Goyne seconded the motion. By a vote of 4-0, the motion was carried unanimously.

Continued Public Hearings:

Pursuant to MGL CH 131 § 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Leominster Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent regarding the construction a garage with paved driveway, chicken coop, and associated site work. Address 689 Wachusett St, Map and Parcel 358-1K, DEP File #199-1158.

It was agreed that this public hearing would be continued due the number of members present at the meeting who were familiar with this hearing did not constitute a quorum.

- 1. New Business – Commission organization – Chair and vice-chair of the commission**
 1. It was agreed that a new chair and vice chair would be selected in the near future.
- 2. Old Business – a. Commission member vacancy b. Signing approved permits**
 1. Nicholas Kremp, Conservation Agent, informed the commission there are current vacancies, and he is working to have them filled with interested candidates.

3. Certificate of Compliance

1. Not applicable

4. Extension Permits – 96 Exchange St - DEP File #199-1061

1. Mr. Xarras requested an additional 3 year extension. There have been issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and supply chain delay. Mr. Kremp explained that this would be the first conventional extension requested by the applicant. The other requests were due to Governor Baker's order and the COVID-19 pandemic. He recommended that the Commission approve the extension. He noted that he had walked the site to view the delineation, which may need to be updated. Pink flags are currently being used to note the delineation. Mr. Goyne made a motion to approve the extension for 3 years. Mr. Cichy seconded the motion. By a vote of 4-0, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Communications – Pierce St site walk delayed

6. Meeting Minutes – Should be up to date by the end of the month

7. Enforcement –

1. 1775 Lock Dr, **site walk July 8** Update: It was mentioned that jersey barriers are going to be installed on the property. The area near the river is all torn up. There will be some wildflower seeds added to the torn-up areas to mitigate the damage. A narrative and engineer's drawing were requested to further assist in the mitigation of the damage on the site.
2. **321 Willard St. Machine work in the riverfront area. Issued cease and desist letter.** A video was submitted by a concerned citizen about the owners creating a small garden type of arrangement within the riverfront area with machinery. A cease and desist letter has been issued. The agent plans to partake in a site walk to further inspect the damage in the area and assess mitigation recommendations.

8. Emergency Certifications – No items

9. Budget – No items

10. Next Meeting a. July 26, 2022. Filing Deadline, July 8, 2022, at Noon.

11. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.