

**LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF**  
**June 4, 2025**

**CONSERVATION MEMBERS**

Angela Tierney – Chair (Present)  
Helder Cerqueira – Vice Chair (Absent)  
Penny Lebel (Present)  
Joseph Chaloux (Present)  
Caoline Suska (Present)  
Jason Martowski, Associate Member (Absent)

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The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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Ms. Tierney welcomed Caroline Suska as the newest member of the Conservation Commission.

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**Public Meeting – Request for Determination – Michael A. Bertini – 508 East Street  
(Assessors' Map 15D, Parcels 23 & 24) (relocating existing playground)**

*In attendance: Michael Bertini*

*The public meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.*

Mr. Bertini explained that they are moving the preschool playground further away from the existing fence and wetland area. He also noted that the existing woodchips will stay in place, and they will be adding rubberized mulch to the new playground.

Ms. Lebel: I make a **MOTION** to issue a negative determination for the RDA for the schoolwork at East Street School.

**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.

**4-0 in Favor.**

Ms. Lebel: I make a **MOTION** to close the public meeting for the East Street School.

**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.

**4-0 in Favor.**

Ms. Lebel: I make a **MOTION** that we waive the fees that are processed for this RDA due to being a school.

**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.

**4-0 in Favor.**

*The public meeting closed at 6:38 p.m.*

*Documents included: WPA Form 1 - Request for Determination of Applicability; Plan: Preschool playground / new preschool playground (5/8/25); GIS Map: 508 East Street*

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Ms. Tierney mentioned to Mr. Bertini that last fall the Conservation Commission went out on a site visit to Harris Brook School, and the field near the stream was all torn up. She said that earlier in the year, the school had asked if they could put soccer nets up in that area to run some classes which ran into all sorts of games being played on that field. She said that DPW had been asked to do some overseeding, and that some of the small shrubs that were planted got mowed down. She added that the school was asked to refrain from using that field for a few seasons until the grass grew back so that next spring the Commission could go out on a site visit and issue the final Certificate of Compliance on the property. Mr. Bertini was asked to have the soccer nets removed for the summer to not encourage playing on the field so that the grass can grow back.

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### **Reorganize**

Ms. Lebel: I make a **MOTION** that Angela Tierney be appointed as our chairperson.  
**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.  
**4-0 in Favor.**

Ms. Lebel: I make a **MOTION** that Helder Cerqueira be appointed vice chair.  
**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.  
**4-0 in Favor.**

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### **Greenstead Grove construction – 188 Fuller Street (207-0595)**

Ms. Tierney explained that there was an issue brought forth about cement work and a huge gulley down slope toward the brook that looks like an outfall for a detention basin. She said that's what's shown on the plans submitted, and that it might be a good idea to have the DPW look at the stormwater management and see how the construction is going.

Ms. Lebel: I make a **MOTION** that we contact DPW in regards to the stormwater management at 188 Fuller Street.  
**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.  
**4-0 in Favor.**

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### **0 Lyon Street (Assessors' Map 20, Parcel 4C) inquiry on filing for Estate Lot**

A plan was dropped off at the office for the construction of a single-family home on the estate lot of 0 Lyon Street asking if they need to file with Conservation. Ms. Lebel said that the comment sheet given to Planning in February 2025 noted that they would need to file a Notice of Intent because of the amount of wetlands and lack of a detailed plan.

Ms. Lebel: I make a **MOTION** that we contact this person that contacted us that they need to file a Notice of Intent with the Ludlow Conservation Commission.  
**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.  
**4-0 in Favor.**

**MAIL ITEMS**

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35. **Notice of work commencement at 148 Carmelinas Circle (207-0669)**  
A site visit will be scheduled for the end of July.
36. **Planning Board Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Home Occupation – 87 Ventura Street**
37. **Planning Board Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Home Occupation – 24 Ridgeview Circle**
38. **Water & Wetland treatment notification at Murphy Pond (207-0671)**
39. **Flooding concerns on Helena Street from Duane Devine**  
Ms. Tierney said that she was on the site, that the house is not up as high as it was originally going to be, and that the yard will be leveled off with the street and the abutting property. She also said that this house is out of the jurisdiction of Conservation, and that the property will be graded away from the neighboring property and instead run towards the wetland.
40. **Forest Cutting Plan – Munsing Street**
41. **Center Street Reliability Project – heavy rainfall concerns (207-0660)**  
Ms. Tierney explained that silt socks were installed up Center Street, and that in one area some of the silt socks were either removed or moved by the rain. She said that she responded that their wetland scientist would suggest the best practices and do what needed to be done so that the wetland was not compromised in any way.
42. **Planning Board Legal Notice – Special Permit/Home Occupation – 59 Lehigh Street**
43. **Planning Board Legal Notice – Special Permit/Home Occupation – 145 Coolidge Avenue**
44. **Planning Board Legal Notice – Special Permit/Home Occupation – 6 Rosewood Drive**
45. **Mitigation suggestions for Eversource WT-11 TRRP Project**  
Ms. Tierney commented that Eversource is going to be doing some work through Ludlow and is going to unavoidably impact the wetland area. She said that one of the suggestions for mitigation was removal of invasives (oriental bittersweet, poison ivy, multiflora rose) at the Riverwalk. Ms. Tierney remarked that there has not been a mapping of the invasive species and that the removal of an invasive species would require a wetland scientist to point out the areas that really needed the work. Ms. Suska said that there is a company in Connecticut that removes invasive species that Eversource may want to contact (Invasive Plant Solutions, Christian Allyn).
46. **Appointment of Caroline Suska to Conservation Commission from Select Board**
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**Approve/sign minutes of May 7, 2025**

Ms. Lebel: I make a **MOTION** that we approve the minutes from May 7, 2025

**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.

**4-0 in Favor.**

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Site visit – June 5, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. – 627 Randall Road (207-0650)

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**Cancel meeting of July 2, 2025 / Next meeting August 6, 2025**

Ms. Lebel: I make a **MOTION** that due to the Fourth of July holiday we cancel the meeting for July 2, 2025. The next meeting will be August 6, 2025.

**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.

**4-0 in Favor.**

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Ms. Lebel **MOVED** to adjourn.

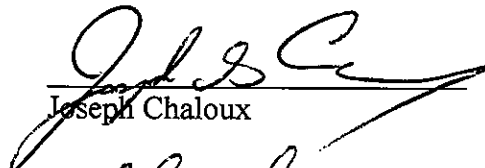
**SECOND** Mr. Chaloux.

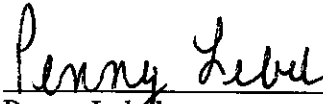
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Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Angela Tierney

  
Joseph Chaloux

  
Penny Lebel

  
Caroline Suska

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(All related documents can be viewed at the Conservation Office during regular business hours.)