

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of November 24, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Police Station
321 High Street

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alex Haro at 7:02 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair; Tom DeHoyos; Richard Starkey

ABSENT: Tim Mosher, Vice-chair; Dee Letourneau

Also present: Ralph Kunkel, Conservation Agent; and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2009

MOTION: Moved by Starkey, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 3-0 to accept the minutes of November 10, 2009 as submitted.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:04 p.m. Pioneer Renewable Energy, LLC – to review a Request for Determination of Applicability for property located off Deerfield Street and within existing portions of the Public Rights of Way of Deerfield Street, Washington Street and French King Highway (Route 2A) to determine whether the work depicted on the plans is subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act or the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Eric Nelson of SVE was in attendance on behalf of the applicant. Haro read into the record a letter dated November 19, 2009 from Eric Nelson on behalf of the applicant requesting a continuance of the Public Meeting for RDA and the Public Hearing for the NOI to be continued to the next regular meeting of the Conservation Commission and requesting that it be held in a larger venue. Kunkel announced that he had reserved the Greenfield Middle School Auditorium for December 8, 2009.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Starkey, and voted 3-0 to continue the Public Meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Pioneer Renewable Energy, LLC to 7:00 p.m. December 8, 2009 to be held at the Greenfield Middle School Auditorium, 195 Federal Street.

Other Business:

7:10 p.m. Greenfield Corporate Center – Request for Certificate of Compliance. Travis Ward was present on behalf of the applicant and gave a review of work and plantings. Ward also reviewed the Commission site visit.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Starkey, and voted 3-0 that the work was completed in substantial compliance and to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #168-0261.

7:15 p.m. Kim Stone and Enan Buck – Request for Certificate of Compliance. Kim Stone, Enan Buck & Mark Wightman were present. Wightman reviewed the work. DeHoyos reviewed the site visit. DeHoyos said there was a Quonset hut in the 25' No Disturb Zone that he had asked Buck to remove. Starkey asked that a conservation mix be put in when the top soil was put in during the Spring of 2010.

Haro asked that the Certificate not be issued until the Quonset hut was removed. Kunkel said that could be a condition with the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance. Wightman and Buck said it would be removed by the end of the week.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Starkey, and voted 3-0 that the work was completed in substantial compliance and that a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #168-0266 be issued with the condition that the Quonset hut be removed by November 28, 2009.

Kunkel said that Lincoln Fish and Bill Griswold would like to hire another consultant to get the NOI ready for the culvert work at the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area. The consensus of the Commission was to tell Fish to go ahead and put the work out to bid.

Kunkel also reported that there was a bill from Bob Cook for work done on the trails for the season at the Griswold/GTD Conservation area in the amount of \$949.03.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Starkey, and voted 3-0 to approve payment to Bob Cook.

Project Monitoring: Kunkel reported that Eric Nelson, of SVE, had turned in his last weekly report Friday November 13, 2009 regarding Erosion Control for the Mackin Clean-up; work has ceased for the winter.

Kunkel reported that Mickey Marcus, of NEE, had called to say he would be submitting photos next week for the pumping station work as the work would begin next week; the Contractor will be Mitchell Excavation of Shelburne.

Enforcement Updates:

Kunkel reported that November 3, 2009 Mosher and he had visited Carol Nims and she had pulled the branches and vegetation out of the resource areas and was in substantial compliance.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:30 p.m. Pioneer Renewable Energy, LLC – Notice of Intent for property located within the Public Rights of Way at the Intersection of French King Highway (Route 2A), Route 2, Adams Road and portions of Adams Road to review an application to install a 600± foot section of Reclaimed Water Main with Erosion Control and Mitigation.

Eric Nelson, of SVE, was in attendance on behalf of the applicant. Nelson requested per the letter of November 19, 2009 a Continuance of the Notice of Intent to the Next regular meeting of the Conservation Commission to be held in a larger venue.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Starkey, and voted 3-0 to continue the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent filed by Pioneer Renewable Energy, LLC to 7:30 p.m. to be held at the Greenfield Middle School Auditorium, 195 Federal Street.

Site Visits:

Set Next Meeting Date: Greenfield Middle School Auditorium, 195 Federal Street December 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Starkey, and voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair