

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of May 11, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Police Station

321 High Street

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair; Tim Mosher, Vice-chair; Dee Letourneau; Richard Starkey

ABSENT: Tom DeHoyos

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

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2010.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 3-0 (Letourneau abstained) to approved the Minutes from April 13, 2010 as submitted.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2010.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 3-0 (Starkey abstained) to approved the Minutes from April 27, 2010 as submitted.

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

Other Business: Patrick Healey, Organizer of Highland Park Bicycle Races, Chris Ethier, owner of Bicycle World and Rick Roy from the Recreation Commission were in attendance at the request of the Commission.

Haro reviewed the concerns of the Commission, potential impacts to jurisdictional areas and environmentally sensitive areas, as well as potential erosion from impacts to the trails.

Healey reviewed the material submitted to the Commission in a letter received May 5, 2010.

A discussion followed in which Ethier and Healey addressed the concerns of the Commission. The Commission agreed to have a site visit to walk the trails prior to the beginning of the Bike Races and to revisit the trails at the end of June, July and August.

Kunkel was asked to write a letter to the Licensing Board with the following recommendations of the Commission:

Riders be alerted to the presence of wildlife potentially crossing the trails; cancellation of races during rain events or immediately following rain events; asking that the agreement of the event organizers to maintain the trails be put in writing with the DPW; the Commission will evaluate the impact on the trails monthly.

The Commission continued their review of the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance Chapter 195 focusing on an additional section potentially entitle "Exemptions and Exceptions.

Monitoring: Haro reviewed the Preconstruction site visit for the *in situ* restoration of Wetland 4 on the Mackin

property on Gill Road. In attendance were Eric Nelson of SVE, Amy Ball of Horsley and Witten, Haro, Letourneau, Starkey and Kunkel. Kunkel was asked to contact Eric Nelson to find out the status of the project.

Mosher asked Kunkel to see about having bare spots at Wedgewood Garden reseeded.

Mosher then mentioned that a Dogwood tree was uprooted next to the bridge at Wedgewood Garden and asked if Kunkel could contact DPW about having it reset.

Correspondence:

Enforcement Orders:

Site Visits:

Next Meeting: Greenfield Police Station Meeting Room, May 25, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Starkey, and voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair