

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of May 25, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Police Station
321 High Street

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair; Dee Letourneau; Tom DeHoyos
ABSENT: Tim Mosher, Vice-chair; Richard Starkey
Also present: Ralph Kunkel, Conservation Agent and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2010.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010 as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

Other Business: Meadowview Manor Condominium Association, removal of a tree

Whitney Russell was present on behalf of the association. Russell submitted a letter dated May 23, 2010, requesting permission to remove a tree in a resource area. In addition, Russell submitted maps, photographs and a letter from an abutter, Russell Wissman. Russell explained the threat of the fallen tree being held up by two adjacent trees. Russell showed on the photos and map where the tree could damage property belonging to Meadowview Manor. Russell also showed on the map, 4 assigned parking spaces that had been blocked off to prevent damage to any vehicles should the tree fall. Russell said they had received bids from two contractors and submitted notes from Ed Snow.

A discussion followed and the consensus of the Commission Members was that Russell submit a Request for Determination of Applicability.

Kunkel updated the Commission on the Highland Park Bike Races and a meeting that was held in Town Hall with the Conservation Agent, Chair of the Licensing Commission, the Vice-chair of the Recreation Commission, the Recreation Department and the DPW.

Monitoring:

DeHoyos reported that at the Mobil Station on Mohawk Trail a meter had been installed in the buffer zone.

Haro asked for an update on the removal of Japanese Knotweed at the future site of the Kingdom Hall at the site of the old Saddle Shop.

Correspondence: Forewarning by Pan Am Railroad of Herbicide application.

Enforcement Orders:

Site Visits: Walking Tour of Highland Park for a preliminary assessment of the trails, Friday, May 28, 2010, 9:30 A.M.

Next Meeting: Greenfield Police Station Meeting Room, June 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: **MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair