

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of August 9, 2011
7:00 p.m. Greenfield Planning Department
114 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair Tim Mosher at 7:00 p.m. with the following members:

- PRESENT:** Tim Mosher, Vice-chair
Tom DeHoyos
Dee Letourneau
Steve Walk
- ABSENT:** Alex Haro, Chair
- ALSO PRESENT:** Laura DiNardo, Conservation Agent and members of the Public.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2011 and July 12, 2011.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Walk, and voted 4-0, to approve the Minutes from June 28, 2011.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 4:0, to approve the Minutes from July 12, 2011

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:00 p.m. Lincoln Fish – Public Hearing to review a Notice of Intent for the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area located on Lamplack Road (Assessors Map R10 Lot 16) to install two culverts. Continued from July 12, 2011.

Commission confirmed that we cannot close this hearing until a DEP File number is issued.

DiNardo confirmed that \$2,400 invoice for Lincoln Fish was submitted to Eric Twarog.

MOTION: Tabled by Commission until a later time due to the applicant's absence.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Walk, and voted 4-0 to continue hearing until August 23, 2011 Conservation Commission Meeting.

7:15 p.m. Kittredge Industries – Public hearing to review a Request for Determination of Applicability located at 1417 Bernardston Road (Assessors Map R10, Parcel 9) to replace the existing septic systems with a new septic system.

Bruce Young introduced himself, Alex Lunt, and Barry L. on behalf of Kittredge Industries.

Young presented the project report and data sheets he received from Bill Lattrell for the delineation. He displayed a few maps (USGS Quadrangle Map) and described the parcel and general location of project.

Young explained that the existing septic tanks for both houses are failing and need to be replaced. The houses failed the title 5 for the sale. The houses will now share a leach field. Other sections of the property were tested further away from the wetland boundary but did not percolate. The closest the limit of work line is to the wetland boundary is 25-ft.

Letourneau described what she observed on the August 8, 2011 site visit and expressed concern about the Town of Greenfield's 25-ft no disturb rule. She also expressed concern about the removal of trees on site and how the proposed work, specifically the pipe connection from the septic tank to the leach field, will be done.

Lunt verified that the proposed work will be done with a small excavator.

DeHoyos asked applicant what their plans were for the future, were they planning to expand property or keeping the two houses as is.

Applicant verifies they are going to remain homes. Kittredge is not selling them they are purchasing them.

Letourneau asked where the previous leach field was located and how it would be removed. The applicant is assuming, per Title 5 regulations, that they will need to crush and fill existing tanks.

Letourneau verified that the Board of Health has signed off on the project and the delineation was done in 2010 by Bill Lattrell. Applicant would like put these boundaries in writing and confirmed with the Commission as accurate.

MOTION: Moved by Dehoyos, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 4-0 to make a positive determination that the boundary delineations of the following resource areas described on the referenced plans are confirmed as accurate. Therefore, the resource area boundaries confirmed in this Determination are binding as to all decision rendered pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations regarding such boundaries for as long as the Determination is valid.

MOTION: Moved by Dehoyos, seconded by Walk, and voted 4-0 to make a negative determination that the work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined by the regulations, but will not alter the Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent subject to the following conditions:

1. Straw bales should be used instead of Hay bales for the erosion control barrier.
2. The new tank, for the existing three bedroom house, should be moved outside of the 25-foot no disturb area in compliance with the Town of Greenfield's Wetland Protection Ordinance.
3. Trees to be removed should be marked and a preconstruction meeting should take place between the applicant and the commission, or its agent.
4. If more than 12 large (6-18" DBH) trees are removed during construction the Conservation Commission must be notified.
5. Standard RDA Boiler Plate Conditions apply.

MOTION: Moved by Dehoyos, seconded by Walk, and voted 4-0 to make a negative determination that the area and/or work described in the Request is not subject to review and approval by the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance (Ch. 195).

Other Business:

Request for Certificate of Compliance, Greenfield Sanitary Landfill: Presented by Tighe&Bond Representative Kyle Hoffman, Environmental Scientist requesting a Certificate of Compliance for MA DEP File # 168-164, original NOI submitted in 1995.

DeHoyos stated that he was unable to find the applicant or Commission on the July 11, 2011 site visit.

Letourneau and DiNardo verified that Haro went on the site visit and reported to them informally at

the July 26, 2011 meeting. There was no quorum that night but Haro stated there were no issues or concerns about the area or the issuance.

Hoffman presented pictures of the site to the Commission.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 4-0 to approve the Greenfield Sanitary Landfill Certificate of Compliance for DEP file number 168-164.

DiNardo passed around WPA Form 8B – Certificate of Compliance for the Commission to sign and Hoffman was given a copy to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Correspondence:

DeHoyos suggested that DiNardo start researching other DEP file numbers and Order of Conditions that might be expiring. Also suggesting working with these applicants on closing files and requesting compliances.

DiNardo presented a map of the Millbrook Wellfield that was delineated by the Tighe&Bond for the Town of Greenfield's Department of Public Works (DPW). The DPW is proposing a second solar farm on the area and would like the Commission's opinion on the project before moving forward.

The Commission (Letourneau) requested that the DPW submit a more detailed map with an overlay of where they are thinking of placing the panels.

DiNardo expressed that depending on how much BVW they are planning to remove the project might not be possible.

The Commission (DeHoyos) would like them to come in front of the Commission. The project is feasible and they are willing to work with DPW. Walk suggests an informal site visit to see the area. DiNardo will coordinate with DPW.

Monitoring:

DiNardo presented a monitoring update for DEP file number 168-0269 regarding knotweed removal.

DiNardo updated Commission on Ish Inc/Berkshire Gas Company site visit and their plan to submit another Notice of Intent in October 2011 to start work in July 2012 to the removal of coal tar. The Commission was also notified that Ish Inc. is digging three test pits that are exempt per Wetland Protection Act Regulations in late August/early September.

Enforcement Updates:

DeHoyos mentioned that on Colrain Road next to the Four Charter School it looks like clear cutting is being done. Commission would like DiNardo to look into the matter and make appropriate judgment.

Walk updated Commission about the Kalinowski mulch pile and enforcement measures.

Site Visits: August 15, 2011 @ 5:15 p.m. for 11-17 Meridian Street Notice of Intent.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2011 7:00 p.m. Greenfield Planning Department, 114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Walk, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura DiNardo
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair