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Minutes of Tuesday November 12, 2013

**7:00 p.m. Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
114 Main Street**

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

PRESENT: Timothy Mosher, Vice-Chair
Tom DeHoyos
John Blasiak

ALSO PRESENT: Douglas MacLeay, SVE Associates
Mary Kaepfel
Sam Kaepfel
Frank Holmes, Stantec Planning and Landscape Architecture
Terry Reynolds, T Reynolds Engineering
Scott Coy, Catamount Land Management
Sam Capogrossi
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: Alex Haro, Chair
Dee Letourneau

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:00 PM RDA – 40 Mary Potter Lane: Request for the Determination of Applicability submitted by SVE Associates c/o Viola Knowlton, for the property located at 40 Mary Potter Lane (Assessors Map R34, Lot 97A), to determine whether the work proposed for the installation of a Title 5 replacement septic system is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Haro, Mosher, Blasiak, and Pollock conducted a site visit of the property on October 25, 2013. The project representative, Douglas MacLeay was present during the site visit and showed the Commissioners where the proposed septic tank and leaching field will be installed, and indicated which trees in the project area would be removed in order to accommodate the grading. The Commissioners asked whether the site plan could be revised so that some of the trees would not need to be removed. The Commissioners requested MacLeay update the proposed plan to show all existing trees to be removed and not to be removed. MacLeay was present at the public meeting, and presented the updated plan to the Commission. MacLeay revised the proposed grading and septic tank location to ensure some of the trees would not be removed.



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MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to close the public meeting.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to make a negative determination, box 3 that the work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an 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. Erosion and sedimentation controls shall constitute a limit of work. Under no circumstances is any work allowed to take place on the down-gradient side (the resource side) of the sedimentation/siltation barrier.

7:15 PM RDA – Log Plain Road: Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by SVE Associates c/o Mary Kaepfel, for the property located at Log Plain Road (Assessors Map R08, Lot 6), to determine whether the work proposed for the construction of single family house, grading alterations, and installation of a septic system is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Haro, Mosher, and Pollock conducted a site visit of the property on October 25, 2013. The project representative, Douglas MacLeay, was present during the site visit and showed the Commissioners where the proposed house, driveway, septic tank and leaching fields will be installed. The group walked the delineated “bordering vegetated wetland” boundary line, which was delineated by Ward Smith. Additionally, the group noticed active tree cutting occurring on the property, which appeared to be in anticipation of the proposed work. Some of the tree cutting occurred within the 100 foot wetland buffer zone and within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone. Pollock informed MacLeay and the property owner, Mary Kaepfel, to stop all tree cutting within the wetlands and associated buffer zones and to not remove the tree stumps until the project has been approved by the Conservation Commission.

MacLeay, Mary Kaepfel, and Sam Kaepfel were present at the public meeting, MacLeay presented the plan to the Commissioners. Pollock showed photographs of the project area taken during the recent site visit. The Commissioners discussed the tree cutting within the 100 foot wetland buffer zone and within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone and discussed its potential impact to the resource areas. The Commissioners request that restoration work shall be required as a special condition in the Determination, when approved. The restoration work shall include (at 1:1 ratio) seeding and planting with a conservation seed mixture, followed by plantings of herbaceous and woody species appropriate to the site. The restoration plan shall be submitted and approved by the Conservation Commission no later than March 31, 2014. DeHoyos, who was not able to attend the October 25, 2013 site visit, would like to conduct a site visit prior to voting on this project.



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Pollock will set up a site visit with the Commissioners and applicant.

MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by Mosher, and voted 2-0-1 (DeHoyos abstained) to approve the request with the condition that a restoration plan be submitted and approved by the Commission, no later than March 31, 2014.

7:30 Amended NOI (DEP # 168-0281) – Northrop Grumman, 11-17 Meridian Street: Amendment to a Notice of Intent submitted by Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, for property located at the Former Swarf Disposal Area, 11-17 Meridian Street (Assessors Map 19, Parcel 47A), for limited soil excavation and additional investigation work to delineate the depth and horizontal extent of subsurface light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL).

The Commissioners reviewed the written narrative and plan of the proposed work submitted by the applicant. The Commissioners agreed the purpose and scope of the overall project will not change.

MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to close the public hearing and issue an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP # 168-0281

Other Business:

Sam Capogrossi: Expressed his interest in joining the Commission. The Commissioners requested Capogrossi to attend a few site visits and Commission meetings before they can discuss giving him a letter of recommendation to the Mayor's Office.

Leyden Woods apartments (DEP #168-0274): On behalf of the property owner, Community Builders, Frank Holmes of Stantec Planning and Landscape Architecture was present to informally discuss the proposed plan for the Leyden Woods apartments and to inquire whether this project would need to file for a new Notice of Intent or request to amend the existing Order of Conditions. The proposed plan includes the renovation of buildings on site that will involve demolition and replacement of existing housing units on the existing foundations; reduction of parking lot space; and a reduction of impervious surface on site. Commissioners requested Holmes to submit a written narrative of all the proposed changes and requested Holmes to conduct a site visit of the property with the Commissioners before they could determine which permitting path would be appropriate.

562 Leyden Road Emergency Certificate (Greenfield #13-11): On behalf of the property owner, Joseph Sabella, Terry Reynolds of T Reynolds Engineering was present to informally discuss the proposed work before filing the Notice of Intent with the Commission. The proposed



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work includes culvert extension and bank stabilization. The existing twenty (20) foot long culvert, which was installed in August 2013 under an Emergency Certificate, will be extended to twenty four (24) feet. The bank will be pulled back in order to make the slope less steep, and a vegetated riprap revetment will be installed as a bank stabilization measure. In order to maintain separation between the riprap and the underlying soils, a geotextile fabric will be placed beneath the riprap. Reynolds hopes to maintain the existing width of the private drive. As a safety precaution for vehicles, a guardrail will be installed along the culvert. During installation, a silt fence will be placed in the water. The Commissioners will like to conduct a site visit of the culvert.

Greenfield Community Farm (Map R31, Lot 1 and 5): Jay Lord, farmer from the Greenfield Community Farm informed Pollock of a lot of down trees caused by a powerful microburst in August 2013, now need to be removed. There are wetland resources and associated buffers located in both areas in mention; including Riverfront Area (Glen Brook), Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (100 year floodplain), Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, as well as two state-listed rare species are present. Pollock would like to set up a site visit with Jay Lord, the Commissioners, and Brent Powers (NRCS Review Biologist) to assess the property conditions, and to determine what the appropriate permitting path for the proposed work is.

Project Monitoring:

None

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

208 Mohawk Trail (Map 37, Lot 5) Brian Barlow of Barlow Paving & Excavating was not able to attend the meeting, but requested the Commission to mail him what future steps need to be taken in response to the multiple dumping piles found, all within the Riverfront Area of Smead Brook, with 2-4 piles within the 25' No Disturb Zone (NDZ). The Commissioners conducted a site visit with Mark Snow, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Nicole Zabko, Public Health Director, and Pollock on November 1, 2013.

The Commission will require Barlow to submit a restoration plan for the property. The restoration measures may include, soil testing of all piles within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone, which should be specifically tested for PCBs, petroleum hydrocarbon, heavy metals, and LAPs. The full test results can be submitted to the Commission no later than December 31, 2013. Based on the soil testing results, an appropriate disposal facility will be determined for disposal of all piles. Pollock will draft a memo



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32 Eunice Williams Drive (Assessors Map R31, Lot 14): Scott Coy (Catamount Land Management) submitted an updated written narrative and restoration plan for the removal of slash and replanting for areas within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone, and bank restoration. The Commission stated concerns regarding the proposed bank restoration work for Area 2 and 3. In order for bank stabilization to be achieved seeding and planting with a conservation seed mixture, followed by plantings of native herbaceous and woody species appropriate to the site should be planted (at 1:1 ratio). Examples of appropriate woody species include willows (*Salix nigra*, *Salix* spp.); Shadblow Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*); Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana*); American Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*); and Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*). The plantings need to be maintained for two growing seasons. Additionally, silt fencing and silt sock need to be installed before work starts at Area 2 and 3. The silt fencing and silt sock will constitute a limit of work.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to approve the restoration plan and written narrative, as amended, with the following conditions:

1. **Standard Boiler Plate Conditions**
2. **Erosion and sedimentation barriers shall constitute a limit of work. Under no circumstances is any work allowed to take place on the down-gradient side (the resource side) of the sedimentation/siltation barrier. Construction equipment is prohibited beyond installed erosion and sedimentation barriers.**
3. **Restoration work shall include plantings of twelve (12) red maples (*Acer rubrum*) in Area 2 and 3. The plantings shall be maintained for two growing seasons.**
4. **For all areas within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone, restoration work shall include (at 1:1 ratio) seeding and planting with a conservation seed mixture, followed by plantings of native herbaceous and woody species appropriate to the site. The plantings shall be maintained for two growing seasons. The agent shall be notified of the species of native vegetation planted to replace those removed.**
5. **Heavy equipment shall not be stored or refueled within the 100 foot wetland buffer zone**
6. **All restoration activities shall only occur during a time of year that coincides with the State-listed species inactive season beginning November 1 – March 31 of any year, with the exception of plantings, provided all replanting is done only with hand tools. For all other restoration work to occur outside this time of year (i.e. April 1 – October 31, of any year) additional protective measures may be required to ensure State-listed species are not harmed. Prior to any work between April – October 31, of any year, Natural Heritage shall be notified and shall approve any said work prior to commencement.**



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Correspondence:

None

Site Visit Scheduling:

1. **Leyden Woods apartments**– Meet November 19, 2013 at 8:00 AM on site
2. **562 Leyden Road** - Meet November 19, 2013 at 8:30 AM on site
3. **Greenfield Community Farm** - Meet November 19, 2013 at 9:00 AM on site
4. **Log Plain Road** – Meet November 19, 2013 at 10:00 AM on site

Next Meeting:

7 PM on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair