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**Minutes of Tuesday April 8, 2014**

**7:00 p.m. Greenfield Department of Planning and Development  
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  
John Blasiak

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Knapik, BSC Group  
Alan Twarog, DPW  
Mik Muller  
Donna Dusell  
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

**ABSENT:** Alex Haro, Chair  
Dee Letourneau

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2014.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to accept the minutes from March 25, 2014, as amended.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2014.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

**7:10 Cont. NOI (DEP # 168-0296) - New England Power Company dba National Grid, French King Highway and Silvio O Conte Drive:** Notice of Intent submitted by New England Power Company dba National Grid, for property located at the French King Highway (Assessors Map R04, Lot 53) and Silvio O Conte Drive (Assessors Map R05, Lot 29), for the drilling of exploratory and geotechnical soil borings on an existing electric utility right of way.

Haro, DeHoyos, Blasiak, Matthew Waldrip, and Paul Knapik conducted a site visit of the parcels on April 1, 2014. Knapik, representative for the applicant, was present to submit and explain the revised change made to the proposed project. The revised change includes the re-location of the swamp mat access road north of Route 2. The reason for the re-location was that the original swamp mat access



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road location would have gone across deeper wetlands, which are prime amphibian breeding areas. The new location will now be in the centerline of the existing right-of-way, which is a drier area that will support the swamp mats with less damage to amphibians. Pollock read the correspondence from Haro who was not able to attend the meeting.

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

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to approve the NOI as revised and issue an Order of Conditions for DEP # 168-0296 with the following conditions:

**Special Conditions:**

1. In the vicinity of Bore 1 and Bore 11 located off of Adams Road, all debris and trash shall be removed off site
2. No work shall take place without the Environmental Monitor/Wetland Scientist present.
3. An Environmental Monitor/Wetland Scientist shall search each area for wildlife prior to placement of each swamp mat.
4. The permittee shall make every reasonable effort to carry out the construction or operation of the work authorized herein in a manner that maintains as much as practicable, and minimizes any adverse impacts on, existing fish, wildlife, and natural environmental functions and values.
5. Wetland areas where permanent disturbance is not authorized shall be restored to their original condition and elevation, which under no circumstances shall be higher than the pre-construction elevation. Original condition means careful protection and/or removal of existing soil and vegetation, and replacement back to the original location such as the original soil layering and vegetation schemes are approximately the same, unless otherwise authorized. All bore holes shall be backfilled; swamp mats shall be removed; and wetland resource areas shall be restored to their original condition and elevation.
6. Upon completion of construction, all disturbed wetland areas shall be properly stabilized. Any seed mix shall contain only plant species native to New England and shall not contain any species listed in the Appendix titled "Invasive and Other Unacceptable Plant Species" in the "New England District Compensatory Mitigation Guidance."
7. In areas of authorized temporary disturbance, if trees are cut they shall be cut at ground level and not uprooted in order to prevent disruption to the wetland soil structure and to allow stump sprouts to re-vegetate the work area, unless otherwise authorized
8. Boiler Plate Conditions



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**7:25 Cont. RDA - Mass DOT:** Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Mass DOT-Highway Division, District 2 for property located along a section of Interstate 91, to determine whether the boundaries of resource area(s) depicted on plans and maps are accurately delineated.

Blasiak, Pollock, and Robert Natario of MassDOT conducted a site visit on March 27, 2014. Blasiak stated the site visit clarified all his questions and concerns.

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Blasiak, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to make a positive determination, box 2a that the boundary delineations of the resource area described on the referenced plans are confirmed as accurate. Therefore, the resource area boundaries confirmed in this Determination are binding as to all decisions rendered pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations regarding such boundaries for as long as this Determination is valid, subject to the following condition:

1. The approved boundary delineations shall be used for the purposes of MassDOT only.

**7:40 Cont. RDA – Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, 12 Olive Street:** Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), for property located at 12 Olive Street (Assessors Map 29 Lot 36A), to determine whether the area and work is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance. Proposed work pertains to the construction of the Greenfield Train Station.

Christopher Wagner, a representative for the applicant requests for a continuance to the next regularly scheduled meeting because he anticipates a revised plan for the train station will be submitted at the next meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing until Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Other Business:

**Request for Extension of OOC (DEP #168-0244)-DPW Green River Swim Area:** The DPW is requesting a 3-year extension to their current OOC for the maintenance of the Green River Swim Area.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to



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**issue a 3-year Extension Permit for the Order of Conditions issued to the Greenfield Department of Public Works on May 25, 2006 for the maintenance of Nash's Mill Swim Area.**

**Draft Chapter 195, Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance:** The Appointments & Ordinance Committee (A&O Com) submitted questions to the Commission regarding the wetlands protection ordinance revisions. Commissioners would like to postpone discussing the questions.

**MOTION:** Moved by Blasiak, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 2-1-0 to postpone discussing the Draft Chapter 195, Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance until the Special Meeting on April 15, 2014.

Project Monitoring:

**Green River Covered Bridge Rehabilitation, Eunice Williams Drive (DEP #168-0286):**

Blasiak, Pollock, and Marco Roffo, Superintendent E.T. & L. Corp. conducted a pre-construction site visit on April 2, 2014 to discuss the site preparations, earthwork, erosion control requirements and turtle barrier locations/requirements. Pollock took pre-construction photographs for record. Roffo will notify Pollock when erosion control requirements will be installed.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

**208 Mohawk Trail (old Candlelight Hotel):** Blasiak, Pollock, Brian Barlow, and Brian Barlow Jr. conducted soil samples on April 8, 2014. Pollock will send the samples to an analytical laboratory for testing. After Barlow and the Commission receive the test results, Barlow will submit a restoration plan explaining how, when, and where all piles will be disposed.

Correspondence:

**20 River Street (Assessor's Map 32, Lot 4):** Pollock received an inquiry from Mik Muller and Donna Dusell regarding cutting two dead trees on their property along the Green River. Pollock conducted a site visit on April 3, 2014. Muller and Dusell are present to discuss their request, which includes removing one dead tree approximately 35 feet away from the river's edge, and removing one dead tree approximately 5 feet from the river's edge. As shown in the photographs Pollock submitted to the Commissioners, the dead tree that is approximately 35 feet from the river's edge poses a potential safety hazard and the tree that is located approximately 5 feet from the river's edge will likely fall into the river.

Pollock stated per 310 CMR 10.04 (Agriculture)(b)15 the cutting of the tree located approximately



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35 feet from the river's edge is an allowed activity under the Wetlands Protection Act if the cutting is for the intent of the owners' own use; after the cutting, the remaining trees in the resource area (and the Buffer Zone, if the activity is being conducted without an approved Forest Cutting Plan) shall be evenly distributed throughout the area where cutting occurred and the crown cover shall not be less than 50%; the cutting and removal of tree occurs only during those periods when the ground is sufficiently frozen, dry, or otherwise stable to support the equipment used; the placement of slash, branches, and limbs resulting from the cutting and removal operations shall not occur within 25 feet of Bank; no filling, excavation, or other change shall occur in the existing topography or hydrology of a resource area; landings for forest products shall not be located in Bordering Vegetated Wetland or Bank

The cutting, removal, or other destruction of trees and understory vegetation without a Forest Cutting Plan shall not occur within 25 feet of the Bank per 310 CMR 10.04(Agriculture)(b)15(c) and Greenfield Wetland Protection Ordinance § 195-2.B.(1)

Mosher requests the property owners submit a written narrative explaining removal operations and where the placement of slash, branches, and limbs resulting from the cutting will occur.

Mosher will conduct a site visit of the property.

Site Visit Scheduling:

1. **20 River Street (Assessor's Map 32, Lot 4) - TBD**

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock  
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Tim Mosher  
Vice-Chair