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**Minutes of Tuesday October 14, 2014**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair, John Blasiak at 7:00 p.m. with the following members:

**PRESENT:** John Blasiak, Chair  
Timothy Mosher, Vice-chair  
Thomas DeHoyos  
Gail Miller  
Matthias Nevins\*

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ted Johnson  
Ed Severance, Northeast Environmental Solutions  
Andrea Donlon, Connecticut River Watershed Council  
George Sanford Jr.  
Carol Coulombe  
Ryan Hale, TRC  
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2014.

**MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from September 23, 2014, as amended.**

\*Nevins arrived at 7:10 PM

Public Meetings/Hearings:

**7:10 Cont. NOI (DEP #168-0303)- 25 Keegan Lane (Assessor's Map R26, Lot 21):** Notice of Intent submitted by College Park Condo Trust c/o Theodore Johnson, for the property located at 25 Keegan Lane (Assessor's Map R26, Lot 21) for work pertaining to the bank stabilization to an intermittent stream. Blasiak, Pollock, Ted Johnson, and Ed Severance conducted a site visit of the project area on September 30, 2014. Johnson and Severance were present at the meeting to explain the proposed project.

The proposed work is to stabilize an approximate 20 linear foot section of eroded streambank by



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blowing into place vegetated filter socks. The socks will be filled with a wetland soil mix which will be composted prior to use in order to kill any possible invasive weed seed through the thermophilic process of composting. The soil mix will be injected with a native seed mix while filling and placed in 12 inch lifts to stabilize and re-vegetate the eroded bank. Any void between the existing eroded bank and the newly installed sock will be backfilled with the same wetland soil mix and the sock will be overseeded with the wetland soil and seed combination when finished to smooth the final grade. These will be temporarily secured using stakes which will secure it together until the vegetation stabilizes the banks.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to close the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to approve the submitted NOI and revised site plan, dated September 22, 2014 and issue an Order of Conditions with following conditions:

1. All plantings and bank stabilization work shall be monitored for two growing seasons.
2. A written report, including photographs of the plantings and bank stabilization work shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission at the end of each growing season.
3. Boiler Plate Conditions.

**7:25 Cont. NOI - ExxonMobil, 142 Mohawk Trail (Assessor's Map 35, Lot 15):** Notice of Intent submitted by Synergy Environmental, Inc. c/o David Hrinak presenting Lehigh Gas Corporation, for the ExxonMobil Station property located at 142 Mohawk Trail (Assessors Map 35 Lot 15), for work pertaining to the installation of a longer gabion basket retaining wall than previously proposed.

The applicant has requested the public hearing be continued until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to continue the public hearing to October 28, 2014.

**7:40 Cont. RDA – Colorado Avenue (Assessor's Map 22, Lots 8 and 7A):** Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Connecticut River Watershed Council for property located off of Colorado Avenue (Assessor's Map 22, Lots 8 and 7A), to determine whether the proposed removal of 3,000-4,000 tires, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Greenfield Wetlands Ordinance.

Donlon was present to explain the updated plans (submitted October 14, 2014) for the tire removal



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project. A Volvo 305 excavator and 10-wheel tri-axle dump truck will back down the dirt access road. The excavator will sit on the dirt road where it is closest to the tire pile. The dump truck will be uphill of the excavator on the dirt road. The excavator will lower a dumpster bag into the ditch area. Per product spec., the bag can fill up to 3,300 lbs. Approximately 500 to 1000 tires or up to 60 cubic yards is estimated to be removed during Phase I.

When the bag is full, the excavator will lift the bag into the air, swing the bag over the road, and the tires will go into the dump truck. The bag with tires will not drag along the steep banks in the ditch. The dump truck will run and down the dirt access road, moving tires and stockpiling them off site for cleaning so they can be picked up and properly disposed of the following business day by a Bridgestone/Firestone affiliate.

Equipment will be sure not to damage the dirt access road or the wetland swale. There will be no equipment in the wetland. The equipment will not need to turn around on the access road. Work will be done when conditions are dry and stable.

The excavator operator has requested removal of a few trees (leaving stumps in place) in order to open up a window in which the excavator arm can move and swing freely.

Blasiak stated the trees provide stabilization to the slope. Stated he would be okay if the hickory (*Carya glabra*) and black birch (*Betula lenta*), as shown on the left of the submitted photograph were removed; however, would like the cluster of black birches, as shown on the right of the submitted photograph protected.

Mosher stated it may be necessary for the operator to remove the cluster of trees.

- MOTION**      **Moved by Nevins, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 4-1-0 (Blasiak opposed) to make a negative determination, box 3, the work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulation, 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, with the following conditions:**
- 1. Removal of the 4 trees as indicated in the submitted photograph shall be at the discretion of the excavator operator;**
  - 2. Boiler Plate Conditions;**

Other Business:

- **Request for a Partial Certificate of Compliance for OOC: 261 Mohawk Trail (Assessor's Map R25, Lot 31) DEP #168-0270:** The applicant would like to request for a partial certificate of compliance for south side of Wheeler Brook, which is not part of the construction of the Kingdom Hall project. Pollock conducted a site visit of the project area to ensure all work is in



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compliance with the approved Order of Conditions (OOC). Pollock observed a temporary wooden footbridge installed over the brook, which is not included in the approved OOC. The applicant has agreed to remove the footbridge once the project receives a complete certificate of compliance.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 3-2-0 (Blasiak and Miller opposed) to approve the partial Certificate of Compliance for the area south of Wheeler Brook.

- **National Grid A127/B128 Transmission Refurbishment/Reconductor Project - Structure 161A Replacement DEP #168-0278:** As part of the approved OOC for this project, the Commission requested the applicant to come before them to present the proposed replication. Ryan Hale, representative for the applicant is present to discuss the project. National Grid plans to replace their existing steel lattice tower structure 161A with a new, two pole structure as part of the A-127/B-128 Transmission Line Reconductoring Project. Structure 161A is within a large Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW). The new structure will require approximately 76 square feet of permanent BVW alteration where the structure's foundation piers will be installed. To compensate for this loss, National Grid proposes to replicate a wetland area on the east side of the BVW northeast of the existing structure 161A and on the south side of an existing access road. The wetland replication area will consist of an approximately 76 square feet area that will be graded level to meet the wetland elevation. An environmental scientist will oversee and coordinate the replication work. The applicant will monitor the success of the replication area through photo documentation for two growing seasons. If area does not have a 75% cover of wetland vegetation in two growing season, an evaluation of the hydrology may be necessary and/or the application of wetland seed mix.

Blasiak and Ryan Hale conducted a site visit on October 14, 2014 of the proposed replicated wetland off of Adams Road. Blasiak noted the proposed area is the most ideal location to replicate the lost wetland because the area was the most degraded portion of the site and due to its close proximity to an existing wetland.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to approve the wetland replication area, as submitted via email on September 19, 2014.

- **Cabot Taps Separation Project: New England Power Company dba National Grid, French King Highway and Silvio O Conte Drive (DEP #168- 0296)** Another incident causing wetland damages occurred during the soil boring work on the Cabot Taps project during the week of September 29-October 3, 2014. The applicant's environmental inspector on site reported that soil bore CP-8 (in uplands) was accessed through wetlands using plastic matting with no issues. However, when leaving the site, the drill rig slipped sideways off the matting and became stuck. The matting was slippery due to mud and water on the surface of



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the plastic matting. After crews tried to move the matting to give the rig traction to get out, one of the tracks broke and the rig could no longer move. The only option at this point was to pull the rig out since it could not move on its own. Matting was repositioned then the drill rig was chained to a dozer (located in upland) and pulled out. Since the drill could not practically be moved any further due to its broken track, it was stored in the uplands adjacent to the wetland overnight until it could be fixed and removed from the site.

The applicant submitted photographs of the damaged areas and a written narrative proposing the restoration actions. Consistent with the applicant's previous restoration protocol approved by the Commission, the applicant would ensure the following restoration for this area:

- Rake the area to the pre-existing grade ensuring that the grade is level;
- Rake the mounds of muck back into the ruts by hand to return to the pre-existing grade (the grade should be level) in wetland and adjacent upland;
- NO mechanized equipment will be allowed to enter back into the wetland. Enter on foot;
- NO mechanized equipment will be allowed to enter back into the wetland. Enter on foot;
- Stabilize any exposed soil in upland and wetland by lightly spreading straw mulch.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to approve the restoration plan, as submitted via email on October 6, 2014.

- **Baseline Reports and annual monitoring for Town-Owned Conservation Land:** Pollock expressed her interest in conducting baseline reports and annual monitoring of all town-owned conservation land. The purpose of baseline documentation is to record both the important conservation values and the current conditions of the property; provide a foundation for future monitoring and enforcement activities; to retain institutional knowledge; and to communicate with landowners about stewardship responsibilities. Pollock will look into how to initiate such a project and ask other communities for examples.

Project Monitoring:

- **562 Leyden Road (OOC DEP #168-0298):** The construction of the replacement culvert is now complete. All exposed soil has been seeded. All erosion controls will remain in place until the area has been permanently stabilized. The American Sycamore located within the work area was not damaged during construction. Pollock will conduct a follow up site visit in spring 2015 before the erosion control have been removed.
- **Green River Covered Bridge Rehabilitation, Eunice Williams Drive (DEP #168-0286):** Pollock conducted a site visit on October 2, 2014. All erosion and sedimentation control are properly in place. The bridge is expected to be open for traffic by the end of November 2014.



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- **SVE/Penfield/Country Club Road LLC - Silver Crest DEP #168-0232:** Pollock conducted a site visit at the active construction site of Lot 1. Pollock observed excavated soil from Lot 1 going into the adjacent retention basin. Pollock contacted the applicant to have all excavated soil removed from the retention basin and to install a silt fence along the limit of work.

#### Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

- **98 River Street (Assessor's Map 33, Lot 1):** On behalf of the Commission, Pollock mailed a Certified letter to the property owners of 98 River Street regarding tree clearing and soil disturbance on jurisdictional wetland resources area located at 98 River Street and the abutting town-owned conservation land (Assessor's Map 33, Lot). Jurisdictional areas include: Bank; Bordering Vegetated Wetlands; Bordering Land Subject to Flooding; Riverfront Area; 25-foot No Disturb Zone. There is also Priority Habitat of Rare Species and Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife found here, regulated under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA).

George Sanford Jr. and Carol Coulombe, property owners of 98 River Street were present to discuss this matter. Sanford stated he was not cutting living trees, but rather cutting dead trees. According to Sanford, he was unaware that the abutting property is town-owned conservation land. Sanford would like to burn the pile of dead brush that is located on the town-owned conservation land. The Commission stated they do not want Sanford to burn the brush pile as it's on town-owned land and it is within jurisdictional wetland resource areas. Sanford agreed he will not burn the brush pile and that he will stop cutting any vegetation. The Commission stated they will handle how to get rid of the unlicensed vehicle, lawn mowers, other debris and trees on the town-owned land.

Sanford stated that numerous neighbors dump lawn cutting onto the town-owned conservation land. Suggested that a signage be placed along the boundary that could state that it's town-owned land that there no dumping is allowed.

- **22 Solon Street (Assessor's Map 48, Lot 22):** Pollock informed the Commission of a possible violation occurring on 22 Solon Street, including four-wheeling and soil disturbance within Resource Areas. Pollock will mail a letter to the property owner informing them four-wheeling within a Resource Area is not permissible.
- **Conway Drive (Assessor's Map 49, Lot 25):** Pollock informed the Commission of a possible violation occurring at the property identified as Assessor's Map 49, Lot 25, including a new pile of wood chips within Riverfront Area. The Commission will send a letter to the property owner instructing him to cease and desist the creation of new wood chip piles within Resource Areas.

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Site Visit Scheduling:

1. **58 Freeman Drive – Meet October 27, 2014 at 4:30 PM on-site;**
2. **208 Mohawk Trail (Old Candlelight Hotel) – Meet October 28, 2014 at 4:30 PM on-site;**
3. **MassDEP Field Inspection for a Request for Certificate of Compliance for a Superseding OOC regarding a bank stabilization project at 187 Plain Road – Meet October 27, 2014 at 1:00PM on-site;**
4. **MassDEP Field Inspection for the Water Quality Certification for the approved Greenfield/Gill OOC regarding the dam removal on Fall River – Meet October 28, 2014 at 12:00 noon on-site;**

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock  
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak  
Chair