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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Tuesday February 24, 2015

**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: Nick Pratt
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2015.

MOTION: Moved by Miller, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from February 10, 2015.

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

Other Business:

- **Local Wetlands Protection Ordinance:** The proposed amendments have been approved by the Mayor, and have now been sent to the Town Council for review and approval.

*Nevins arrived at 7:23 PM

- **Nick Pratt, Umass student:** Pratt will assist Pollock with the baseline documentation reports (BDRs), as part of his senior keystone project. Pratt introduced himself and discussed the specific tasks he would contribute to the BDRs. Pratt will assist with mapping and deed research for town-owned conservation land, and will assist with on-site inventories at four properties. These properties include: Lovejoy Land; Nims Tree Farm Land; Gott Land; and the Shelburne Road Conservation Land.

- **MassDOT Superstructure Replacement I-91:** MassDOT is proposing to perform a



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superstructure replacement for the northbound/southbound I-91 Bridge over the former Boston and Main Railroad (now Pan Am Railway) located west of the Country Club Road underpasses beneath the highway. All activity is exempt from the MA Wetland Protection Act under the Transportation Bond Bill, but a 401 Water Quality Certification will be required by the Army Corps of Engineers.

MassDOT requests that the Commission review the project description and provide any comments regarding the project. Pollock will draft a memo that states although the work is exempt from the WPA, best management practices (BMPs) shall be in place to ensure all resource areas be protected; no wetland shall be filled; and all wetland disturbances shall be mitigated.

- **340 Leyden Road – Chapter 61A Lien:** The Commission has been informed the property located at 340 Leyden Road is to be foreclosed with a subsequent sale on May 12th. Currently, this property is enrolled in the Chapter 61A program - the Farmland Assessment Act. Given the property's conservation/agricultural value, the Commission recommends that the Town exercise the right of first refusal to acquire land or assign the right of first refusal to a land trust. Pollock will draft a recommendation to be sent to the Mayor and will contact Mount Grace Land Trust to see if they have any interest in accepting the assignment of the property.

Project Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak
Chair