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**Minutes of Tuesday March 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  
Gail Miller  
Thomas DeHoyos

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robert Natario, MassDOT  
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

**ABSENT:** Matthias Nevins

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2015.

**MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 3-0-1 (DeHoyos abstained) to accept the minutes from March 10, 2015, as amended.**

Public Meetings/Hearings:

- **7:10 RDA - Route 5&10/Cheapside St Intersection:** Determination of Applicability submitted by MassDOT, for property located at Route 5&10/Cheapside St Intersection, to determine whether work depicted on plans is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

Natario was present to explain the project. After receiving feedback from the public, MassDOT would like to make some revisions to this intersection improvement project. This project was originally approved this project in August 26, 2014 (Greenfield File #14-14). The proposed work is within the jurisdiction of the Commission; therefore a filing is required. The revisions include the construction of three new sections of sidewalk on existing grass and gravel shoulders along the Rt 5/10/Cheapside intersections.

After reviewing ortho imagery and conducting a site inspection, Natario believes the Mean ANNUAL High-Water Line (MAHWL) of the Deerfield River is farther away from the Cheapside St turn than was previously reflected in the Greenfield File #14-14. With the MAHWL farther away from the project area, the amount of impervious surface within the Riverfront Area (RA) will be reduced by 124 square feet. The amount of sidewalk within the RA



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is 897 square feet, and amount of paving that will be removed from the RA is 1,021 square feet.

Natario explained the improvements to the project. There will be a grass strip between the curb and sidewalk. There are going to be four catch basins with deep sump installed, instead of three catch basins with deep sumps, as previously approved in the Greenfield File #14-14. MassDOT is not touching or adding a stormwater outfall. All catch basins will go into the existing stormwater system. The catch basins will be cleaned out annually. The four catch basins will significantly reduce the peak flow rate of stormwater runoff.

Mosher inquired about the condition of the existing outfall and whether improvements to the outfall could be included as part of this project.

Natario responded the existing outfall is not in good condition. Making improvements to the outfall would be it own project of itself. Also, the funding for this project has been capped. If the bid for construction is really low, then MassDOT could consider including outfall improvements.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to close the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to make a negative determination, box 3, 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 conditions

Other Business:

- **Request for Certificate of Compliance: Silvio O Conte Drive (Assessor's Map R05, Parcels 245 & 29B):** The Commission will hold off approving the Certificate of Compliance until the snow has melted and a final inspection has been conducted.
- **142 Mohawk Trail, Exxon Mobil (DEP #168-0294):** Light Non Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) was discovered in a monitoring well (MW-101) during routine gauging related to the gasoline remediation project (release tracking # 1-0016925). The MassDEP was notified of the LNAPL as required by the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, and they issued release tracking #1-0019525. The LNAPL was identified as motor oil. The maximum thickness measured in the well was about 1/4 inch. The MCP requires removal if possible. Therefore, the applicant plans to remove product from the monitoring well using oil sorbent socks, or potentially a passive bailer. The applicant is preparing a Release Abatement Measure (RAM) for submission to MADEP, which is required in advance of the LNAPL recovery. The spent socks or bailed product will have to be properly stored in a drum at the site prior to disposal.



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According to MassDEP, the clean-up would be considered an exempt activity under 10.02(2)(b)2g. The work is temporary in nature that has negligible impacts. The work will be done on pavement and is within the limit of work. Therefore, the applicant does not need to file with the Commission, though they could request an Emergency Permit, if desired.

- **Irving Gas Station, 223 Mohawk Trail:** A gasoline spill occurred on-site on March 20, 2015. The fire department and MassDEP were immediately notified. It is not known whether measures were implemented after the spill to stop gasoline from going into the stream. Pollock will find out whether measures were implemented.
- **373 Hope Street:** The property owner is proposing to install a residential-scale ground mounted solar array on the premises. An intermittent stream is located on-site. Pollock conducted a site visit, and determined the solar array is located outside of the 100-ft buffer zone; therefore the property owner does not need to file the project with the Commission.

Project Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

- 1 College Drive, Greenfield Community College: Outdoor Learning Lab – meet on-site on April 7, 2015 at 4:30 PM

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock  
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak  
Chair