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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Tuesday April 28, 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: Peter Rosnick, Greenfield Community College
Boss Goodon, Greenfield Community College
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT:

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2015.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 4-0-1 (Miller abstained) to hold off on voting on the April 14, 2015 until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

Discussion:

- **Greenfield Community College, 1 College Drive (DEP #168-0307):** Notice of Intent submitted by Greenfield Community College, for property located at 1 College Drive (Assessors Map R37 Lot 3A), for work pertaining to an outdoor learning laboratory, which includes the installation of a boardwalk, path system, benches; and plantings.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Nevins, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to close the public hearing and to issue an Approved Order of Condition with the following conditions:

1. **Organic land care practices and maintenance of the boardwalking/viewing platform shall be followed within all wetland resource areas and within the**



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25-foot No Disturb Area, in accordance with the 'NOFA Standards for Organic Land Care; 5th edition, January 2011.' Source:

<http://www.organiclandcare.net/sites/default/files/upload/standards2011.pdf>

2. **No use of mechanized equipment shall occur within a delineated wetland resource area without prior permission from the Greenfield Conservation Commission.**
3. **Boiler Plate Conditions.**

Other Business:

- **Green River Festival, overflow parking:** Blasiak, DeHoyos, and the event organizers conducted a site visit of the Colrain Street property, formerly known as the Wedgewood Gardens on April 14, 2015. The event organizers have submitted a written narrative explaining this year's parking and shuttle operations for July 10-12th. The Commission is satisfied with this year's operations and parking layout. The Commission would like the event organizers to re-submit a new Request for Determination of Applicability for the 2016 festival.
- **Erosion Gully, Wedgewood Gardens:** While conducting a site visit of the Wedgewood Gardens site with the representative of the Green River Festival, the Conservation Commission noted a significant erosion gully resulting from lateral water movement from the mown areas of the property. A memo stating this needs to be corrected along with guidelines on bioengineering approaches to bank stabilization will be submitted to the DPW
- **GCC Roundabout, Colrain Street (DEP # 168-0292):** The roundabout has now been completed. A final inspection will be held on April 30, 2015. Pollock will attend this inspection to ensure the project is in compliance with the approved OOC.
- **19 Cedar Street:** The Commission received a telephone call from George Boulia, property owner of 19 Cedar Street who is concerned about the upcoming work at the abutting property located at 324 Wells Street. The property owners of 324 Wells Street intend to grade and pave their parking lot. Boulia has observed water runoff from 324 Wells Street draining into his property. Blasiak and Pollock conducted a site visit at 19 Cedar Street to determine whether the area and work is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. It was determined that the area and work are not within the jurisdiction. Blasiak suggested Boulia to speak with DPW and the property owners of 324 Wells Street.
- **Baseline Documentation Reports:** Pollock and Pratt have conducted site visits of the Lovejoy Land and Green River Conservation Land. Pratt will submit a written report including mapping of the data gathered for these two properties.

Project Monitoring:



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- **National Grid A127/B128 Reconductoring and Refurbishment Project at Structure 161A (Amended Order of Conditions for DEP # 168-0278):** On April 16, 2015 Pollock, Blasiak, and Ryan Hale, representative for the applicant conducted a site visit of the wetland mitigation. As required, approximately 5.6 cubic yards of material was removed to create the wetland as compensation for the increased volume of fill in the wetland from installation of the structure foundations. It was observed that the banks to the mitigation area need to be smoothed out and all trash needs to be removed. The applicant will notify the Commission when these measures have been completed.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

- **258 Shelburne Road:** Carol Remillard, property owner was present to explain the activities. Remillard explained that she mainly just removed trash from the area and she did remove some dead vegetation. The Commission explained to Remillard that the area is within the 200-foot Riverfront Area to Wheeler Brook and that any activity besides the removal of trash needs Commission approval. Remillard agreed to not remove any more vegetation in the future and will let the vegetation grow back.

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

- 562 Leyden Road (DEP # 168-0298) – meet on-site on May 5, 2015 at 4:30 PM

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development;
114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Nevins, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak
Chair