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Minutes of Tuesday July 14, 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: Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2015.

MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 3-0-1 (DeHoyos abstained) to accept the minutes from June 9, 2015, as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

Other Business:

- **Request for Certificate of Compliance, Smead Hill Road, Assessor's Map R33, Lot 13B (DEP #168-0288)** Pollock inspected the project area on July 10, 2015 which included work to install a septic tank and two leaching fields. Pollock observed that all work has been completed and all areas have been satisfactorily stabilized.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Nevins, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to approve the Certificate of Compliance for DEP #168-0288.

- **Request for Emergency Certificate, 72 Colrain Road (Assessor's Map R26, Lot 13C):** A newly established beaver dam is causing water levels to increase and is flooding the College Park Trust property, located at 25 Keegan Lane. The College Park Trust would like to breach the dam in order to lower the water elevation and eliminate any immediate threat to the property buildings.



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MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to approve the Emergency Certificate (#15-05), with the following condition:

1. The beaver dam shall be removed in a slow, controlled manner such that there are no downstream impacts.

*Miller arrived at 7:15p.m.

- **GTD/Griswold Conservation Area Trail Maintenance: Request Appropriation of Funds** - The Commission requests the appropriation of funds for biannual clearing and maintenance of trails at the GTD/Griswold Conservation Area, including routine maintenance work to be done in July 2015, September 2015, and June 2016. The cost of this maintenance is borne by the Griswold Conservation Account but must be approved for appropriation by the Council. The Commission has requests up to \$1,800 based on the contractor estimation.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to approve the appropriation of funds to be used for the biannual clearing and maintenance of trails at this GTD/Griswold Conservation Area property.

- **Green River Conservation Land - Trail Maintenance:** The existing trails are overgrown, and need to be maintained. The Commission needs to figure out what kind of machinery would be needed and discussed whether to hold a volunteer day or request the DPW to maintain the trails.
- **Riverside Greenway (off-road bike path):** Mosher notified the Commission that the vegetation along the bike path is overgrown and needs to be maintained. Mosher also mentioned that erosion issues are occurring from the adjacent property, Oak Courts. The erosion issues can be seen from the bike path. Pollock will conduct a site visit of the bike path.

Action Items:

- **Annual Reorganization**

MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller and voted 5-0-0 to make the following appointments:

Chair – John Blasiak
Vice-Chair – Timothy Mosher

Project Monitoring:

- **25 Keegan Lane, Map R26, Lot 21 (DEP #168-0303):** Pollock and Blasiak conducted a site visit on July 10, 2015 to inspect work pertaining to the bank stabilization to an intermittent stream. The bank appears to be stabilized. Not all vegetation has been fully established, but it is expected it will be



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spring 2016. The Commission hopes that this project will serve as a good example of using bio-engineering techniques for bank stabilization in lieu of rip rap.

- **Eunice Williams Drive, Map R31, Lot 14 (Greenfield #13-18):** Pollock, Miller, and Blasiak conducted a site visit on June 23, 2015 to inspect the restoration measures for the removal of slash; replanting for areas within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone; and for restoration of altered banks. Blasiak and Pollock observed Condition #7 was not fulfilled yet, which states: “area #2 as indicated in the approved plan shall include planting of twelve (12) red maples (*Acer rubrum*). The plantings shall be maintained for two growing seasons.”

The 12 red maples have since been planted. Pollock conducted a follow-up site visit on July 14, 2015 to inspect the placement and condition of the red maples. Pollock was satisfied with the placement and condition. The plantings shall be maintained for two growing seasons, so a follow-up site visits will be needed.

- **Green River Covered Bridge Rehabilitation, Eunice Williams Drive (DEP #168-0286):** Pollock conducted a site visit on July 14, 2015. Pollock observed that along the eastern side of the bridge 6 of the 10 trees planted were not in good condition and a large dumping of debris was piled up. Pollock will contact the applicant to have the debris removed off-site and have the trees replaced and put on a watering schedule.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

- **Highland Park (blocked culvert):** Meet on-site at 5:00pm on July 21, 2015

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development;
114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak
Chair