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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

**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  
Gail Miller  
Matthias Nevins

**ALSO PRESENT:** Patrick McLaughlin, MHF Design Consultants, Inc.  
Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental Services, Inc.  
Nathan Jones, CDM Smith  
Ernest Ashley, CDM Smith  
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

**ABSENT:** Thomas DeHoyos

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2016.

**MOTION:** Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from January 12, 2016, as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

- **Continued NOI – Summit Distributing LLC, 109 Mohawk Trail (Assessor's Map 46, Lot 22):** Notice of Intent submitted by Summit Distributing LLC, for property located at 109 Mohawk Trail (Assessor's Map 46, Lot 22), for work pertaining to the redevelopment of the existing gasoline station.

Patrick McLaughlin and Luke Hurley, Representatives for the Applicant were present to discuss the revisions made to the site plan, as requested by the Commission.

Revisions to the project include:



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1. Four “no snow storage beyond this point” signs shall be erected along the edge of the parking lot, with two signs erected to the right of the dumpster, and two signs erected to the left of the dumpster. The signs shall be 4-5 feet high.
2. The American elm tree shall be maintained.
3. The dumpster shall have a vinyl enclosure.
4. Hemlock bark mulch shall replace the deep, red fine mulch, as proposed in the submitted plan.
5. Silt fencing with straw bales shall delineate the limit of work line and shall be shown on the final site plan set.
6. The planting list and planting plan shall be corrected. Where it says “Ilex” it shall say “Iris.”
7. The wording regarding monthly street sweeping shall be reworded and better clarified.
8. An on-going maintenance plan for the rain garden shall be submitted to the Commission.

MassDEP issued a DEP file number for this project (DEP # 168-0311).

Chair Blasiak closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

Blasiak stated that he noticed that the wrong mulch is stated in the tables on the site plan, and should be corrected.

**MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Miller to issue an Order of Conditions for 109 Mohawk Trail (DEP #168-0311), with conditions.**

Discussion Mosher stated that he would like to give the Contractor the option to use straw wattles instead of straw bales and silt fencing. Blasiak responded the Applicant proposed using straw bales with silt fencing in their application. Therefore, he does not see the need to recommend the Contractor the option.

**No further discussion and voted 3-0-0 (Blasiak did not vote) to issue an Order of Conditions for 109 Mohawk Trail (DEP #168-0311), with conditions.**

Other Business:

- Request for Certificate of Compliance: Country Club Road - Kris N. Warner, 12 Sapphire aka Lot 7 Verde Drive (DEP # 168-0233)

**MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Miller, no further discussion, and voted 3-0-0 (Blasiak did not vote) to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for Country Club Road, for only portions located at 12 Sapphire Road aka Lot 7 Verde Drive.**



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- **MACC Annual Environmental Conference:** This year's conference will be held on March 5, 2016 at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester. All Commission members are encouraged to attend. Commission members can have their entry fees paid by the Town. For more info, please link: [https://www.maccweb.org/edu\\_aec\\_2016.html](https://www.maccweb.org/edu_aec_2016.html)
- **Notice of Intent to Sell 3.5 acres of land classified under MGL c.61A portion of Assessor's Map R09, Lot 6.:** The purpose of this Notice to Sell is to acknowledge the town's right of first refusal as to the 3.5 acres shown as Parcel A on the submitted plan. The 3.5 acre parcel of land is under agreement to be sold by Susan Riggsby to abutting landowners, Donald Grybko and Elizabeth Grybko, who wish to add said 3.5 acres to their present lot. The landowners request the Town to formally waive its right of first refusal. The Commission do not have any issues with this request.

Project Monitoring:

- **DEP File #168-0310 – Northrop Grumman, 11-17 Meridian Street:** Nathan Jones of CDM Smith and Ernest Smith were present to explain the need for additional excavation and coffer dam extension. Per the administrative approval to expand the excavation within the current limits of the cofferdam, the Contractor excavated the inland bank area to the northern limit of the cofferdam. The contamination appears to pinch out at the approximate intersection of the cofferdam with the bank. Confirmation samples were collected, and we will have results back tomorrow.

A test pit was also excavated in the river within the confines of the cofferdam as far north as the Contractor felt comfortable, which was about 5-10 feet south of northern limit of the cofferdam. The sediment at this location is still impacted with oil. The Contractor could not excavate any further north without the risk of undermining the cofferdam. The Contractor will not be able to excavate the northernmost impacted sediment without extending the cofferdam. The Contractor indicated that it would be possible to extend the cofferdam with minimal disturbance to the bank consisting of limited brush clearing and the removal of two smaller trees where the cofferdam would meet the bank.

On behalf of the Applicant, Jones and Smith propose to extend the cofferdam approximately 25 feet north of its current northern limit, or approximately 80 feet north of what was shown on the originally approved plans. So far there has been approximately 30 linear feet of additional inland bank alteration, for a total of approximately 200 linear feet of inland bank alteration. Note that the Order of Conditions states 100 linear feet of inland bank alteration. However, due to changes to the proposed plans during the permitting process, the approved plans actually provide for 170 feet of inland bank alteration (due to cutting the slope back from its current 1:1 slope to the proposed 4:1). This was communicated via email and is included in the Natural Heritage approval letter. The Applicants anticipate that the Land



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Under Water impacts will be increased by approximately 1,000 square feet from 2,600 to 3,600 square feet, and the dredge volume will increase by approximately 200 cubic yards from 400 cubic yards to 600 cubic yards.

Northrop Grumman requests permission to proceed with extending the cofferdam and completing the excavation in the river. Although the limits of the remediation of environmental impacts have expanded to the north due to observations made during construction, the purpose and scope of the project (to clean up oil that is currently impacting the Green River and restore the bank in a manner that improves the resource area) has not changed. The bank restoration will be consistent with the approved plans and will be subject to the Commission's approval through the amendment process. An amendment to the Order of Conditions for the Bank Restoration will be prepared as soon as the northern limit of the excavation is confirmed. However, as before, Northrop Grumman is hoping to avoid delaying the completion of the excavation of the oil-impacted sediment. Northrop Grumman is concerned about keeping the excavation open for an extended period of time. In addition, the dewatering system will need to keep the water table depressed until the excavation is completed to maintain control of the cofferdam; a more challenging operation as temperatures drop below freezing. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Commission allow the completion of the excavation of river bottom sediment while the amendment process proceeds.

Applicants are separately seeking an amended 401 Water Quality Certificate from MassDEP for the increased dredge volume. Mr. Ken Chin has been contacted and indicated that he will approve.

Nevins stated he is in support of extending the coffer dam now so the contractor can remove the oil-impacted sediment.

Blasiak stated he does not feel comfortable approving the work administratively because it should undergo the public hearing process. Blasiak suggests that the Commission consider issuing an Emergency Permit instead. The Applicants would then be required to come before the Commission with a Request to Amend the OOC for the bank restoration plan.

- MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by Nevins, no further discussion, and voted 3-0-0 (Blasiak did not vote) to issue an Emergency Permit for the work described in the email correspondence from January 21, 2016, with the following conditions:
1. Census the existing vegetation along the bank, so the Conservation Commission can know what plants were removed when the bank restoration plan is submitted.



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2. **All bank alteration caused by this extension and excavation shall require bank restoration. An amended Order of Conditions for the bank restoration shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission prior to commencement.**

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

- **The Home Depot, 264 Mohawk Trail:** The Commission received a complaint about snow being stored at the western edge of the parking lot. Pollock conducted a site visit of the property, and observed snow being piled at the western edge of the parking lot. According to the approved OOC and site plan, the snow is being properly stored. The western edge is a stormceptor which provides pre-treatment before discharging to the stormwater drain.

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

**MOTION:** Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Pollock  
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak  
Chair