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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Tuesday, May 10, 2016
7:00 p.m. Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
114 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Timothy Mosher at 7:00 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Timothy Mosher, Chair
Matthias Nevins
Gail Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: Thomas DeHoyos

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2016.

The minutes have not been prepared.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2016 and April 26, 2016

MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to accept the minutes from April 12, 2016 and April 26, 2016.

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

Other Business:

- **Trail Assessment, Conservation Properties next to the Swim Area:** Dick O'Brien submitted his recommendations to the Commission. The Commission discussed the three options O'Brien presented, which include: hiring a trails crew to layout out the trail network on the property; hiring a trails crew to construct the trail network; or hire one trail staffer to work with a crew of volunteers to construct the trail network. The Commission expressed that it would be good to have a trail staffer to help out with laying out the trails and construction. The Commission also expressed that it they would like to involve the community with the project. Pollock mentioned that Cathy Wilkins, teacher from Greenfield High School



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expressed that her after school environmental club would be interested in helping. Pollock will invite Christy Moore, Recreation Director and Cathy Wilkins to the next Commission meeting for further discussion. Pollock will look into procurement laws. Mosher expressed that the Commission would need to know all the specifics about the proposed work before commencement. Pollock suggested that the trail staffer could submit a written narrative explaining all proposed work.

- **Invasive Plant Control, Conservation Properties next to the Swim Area:** Chris Polatin of Polatin Ecological Services, LLC, Cathy Wilkins (teacher from Greenfield High School), Mosher, Miller, and Pollock conducted a site visit on April 19, 2016. During the site visit, Wilkins expressed that her after school environmental club would like to inventory the invasive plants on the property. Polatin expressed that inventorying the plants is a good first step for prioritizing which areas and/or plant species to focus on. Polatin expressed that the conservation properties next the swim area are overwhelmingly covered in invasive plants. Expressed it may be too late to permanently remove the invasives without contracting out a long-term and costly measures. Suggested it may be wise for the Commission to identify properties that have newly established invasive plants and focus attention on them.

Wilkins and her students have started to map invasive plants at the Swim Area as well as other conservation areas in town. Mosher suggested having the students come a Commission meeting to provide a short presentation on their volunteer work.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Project Monitoring:

- **DEP File # 168-0308, Green River Park, Petty Plain Road:** The erosion controls have been satisfactorily installed. Pollock inspected them on May 6, 2016. The project has commenced and is expected to be completed by July/August 2016.

Correspondence:

Action Items:

- **Annual Reorganization**

MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller and voted 3-0-0 to make the following appointment:

Chair – Timothy Mosher



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Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development;
114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Miller, seconded by Nevins, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Timothy Mosher
Chair