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Minutes of Tuesday, May 24, 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: Bill Lattrell, Lattrell Ecological Consulting LLC
Randy Facey, Bree-Z-Knoll Farm
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 May 10, 2016

MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to accept the minutes from May 10, 2016.

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

- **7:10p.m. RDA – Signature Sounds, Colrain Street (Assessor’s Map 48, Lot 24):** Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Signature Sounds for property located at Colrain Street (Assessor’s Map 48, Lot 24), to determine whether the work depicted on submitted plans is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Representative to the applicant, Bill Lattrell of Lattrell Ecological Consulting was present. In 2009 the Commission issued a Determination allowing for overflow parking for the Green River Festival at this site. Park was restricted to areas displayed on the original plan. Recently there were communication problems and cars were parked within the area that the Commission designated as restricted. The applicant is proposing to use the same original



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areas for parking. This area is on the north side of the access road only. The eastern end will be restricted. Cars will be restricted from using other areas over the 2-day festival period by temporary establishment of a construction fence. The fence will also have signs on it stating “Restricted Area, No Parking” placed at 50-foot intervals on or in front of the fence.

A porta potty, trash receptacles, and a hot dog stand will also be located at the site within the designated parking area. Existing pull off areas will be used by the bus service to load and unload passengers as shown on the attached plan.

The area will be used during the operation hours of the Green River Festival. Clean up of the overflow parking area will take place the day after the festival during which time the construction fencing will be removed.

Mosher stated that the applicant’s proposal satisfies the Commission’s concerns.

Chair Mosher opened the public hearing. No comments

The Determination is valid for three years. Pollock suggested that the applicant not need to re-file a RDA if the work does not remove, fill, dredge, or alter wetlands. Lattrell responded the Commission should consider Pollock’s suggestion once the Determination has expired.

Chair Mosher closed the public hearing at 7:25p.m.

MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to issue a Negative Determination 2a, the work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to issue a Negative Determination 6, the work described in the Request is not subject to review and approval by Greenfield pursuant to the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance, Chapter 195.

Other Business:

- **Trail Assessment, Conservation Properties next to the Swim Area:** Pollock invited Christy Moore, Recreation Director for further discussion. Moore was not able to attend the meeting. Pollock will reschedule a time to meet with Moore either at the next regularly scheduled meeting or during work hours. Pollock looked into procurement laws. The Commission needs to receive three oral cost estimates for the work. Additionally, the Commission needs approval from the Town Council and Mayor for using Commission funds for proposed activities.



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- **493 Leyden Road:** Randy Facey, Bree-Z-Knoll Farm was present. Explained he would like to clear out drainage ditches and brush hog overgrown grass on his fields. Explained that the State of MA recently awarded his farm a grant to help restore all of his fields for agricultural purposes. Stated he wanted to inform the Commission about the proposed work before proceeding. Pollock stated that the activities described would constitute “normal maintenance or improvement” of land in agricultural use. Therefore, the work is exempt from regulation by the Wetlands Protection Act 310 CMR 10.04.

Stated in the future, he would like to build a processing plant for his dairy farm. Facey showed the potential location in relation to mapped wetlands. According to MassGIS wetland datalayers, the facility would not be within a wetland or its 100-ft buffer zone.

- **Cabot Taps Separation Project - Seed Mix/Plantings Approval (Wetland Replication) - MassDEP File No. 168-0309/Greenfield File No. 15-06**

In accordance with Condition #2 of the OOC, seed mix proposed to be applied to stabilize the wetland mitigation located south of existing Str. 7-1 needs prior approval from the Commission. This seed mix, including: Virginia Wild Rye, *Elymus virginicus*; Creeping Red Fescue, *Festuca rubra*; Little Bluestem, *Schizachyrium scoparium*; Big Bluestem, *Andropogon gerardii*; Switch Grass, *Panicum virgatum*; Blue Vervain, *Verbena hastata*; Rough Bentgrass/Ticklegrass, *Agrostis scabra*; New England Aster, *Aster novae-angliae*; Spotted Joe Pye Weed, *Eupatorium maculatum*; Boneset, *Eupatorium perfoliatum*; Soft Rush, *Juncus effusus*; Wool Grass, *Scirpus cyperinus* (New England Wetland Plants Inc.'s [NEWPI] New England Erosion Control/Restoration Mix for Detention Basins and Moist Sites) includes a wide variety of wetland species and few species that can establish in the drier areas along the margins of the mitigation area. In addition to the seed mix, the following shrub species will be planted, as approved by MassDEP and ACOE: Gray dogwood, *Cornus racemosa*; Winterberry, *Ilex verticallata*; Steeplebush, *Spiraea tomentosa* Viburnum, *Viburnum dentatum*.

The existing wetland is dominated by dogwood species (*Cornus* spp.), winterberry, *Spiraea* spp., viburnum, speckled alder (*Alnus incana*), male berry (*Lyonia lugustrina*), woolgrass, rushes (*Juncus* spp.), sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), dewberry (*Rubus hispida*), cattails (*Typha* sp.), goldenrods (*Solidago* spp.), and various *Carex* spp. Both the proposed shrubs and seed mix are consistent with the existing native wetland plant species present in the areas abutting the proposed mitigation site.

Any disturbed upland areas adjacent to the proposed mitigation area by existing Structure 7-1 will be stabilized with the seed mix approved by the Conservation Commission at the April 11, 2016 meeting. This upland seed mix, also provided by NEWPI New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix), will be applied at the rate recommended by NEWPI (25



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lbs/acre).

Per condition 3 of the OOC, the plantings will be monitored bi-annually for the first two growing season and a status report will be submitted to the Commission.

The applicant believes that the proposed seed and shrub plantings will serve to stabilize constructed wetland mitigation area and adjacent upland buffer zone and is consistent with the interests of the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance and the MA Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant requests that the proposed seed and shrubs be approved.

MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller and voted 3-0-0 to approve the proposed seed and shrub lists, as submitted in the email correspondence dated May 20, 2016.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Project Monitoring:

Correspondence:

- **15 Greenfield Street, Valley Steel Stamps Inc.** Pollock notified the Commission that the property owner is considering whether to construct a new building cantilevered with low impact fountain posts over an intermittent stream to connect to the existing building. The property owner wants to know whether the Commission would consider this work okay, if it meets all performance standards. The Commission stated they would need to look at the proposed site plan to know for sure, but would entertain the proposed work if meets all performance standards. If the project needs to request the “waiver” under the local Ordinance, the applicant must meet all requirements stated under §195-7 D “Waiver.”

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 14, 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 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Timothy Mosher
Chair