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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Tuesday, June 14, 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:** Tony Wonseski, SVE Associates  
Art Patnode, Argotec  
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

**ABSENT:** Thomas DeHoyos

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 24, 2016

**MOTION:** Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to accept the minutes from May 24, 2016.

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

- **7:10p.m. RDA – Argotec, Inc., 53 Silvio O Conte Drive (Assessor’s Map R05, Lot 24):** Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Argotec, Inc., for property located at 53 Silvio O Conte Drive (Assessor’s Map R05, Lot 24), to determine whether the work associated with the relocation of 8 propane tanks is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Applicant, Art Patnode of Argotec and the Representative to the applicant, Tony Wonseski of SVE Associates were present.

The property is located on the south side of Silvio O. Conte Drive and west of the Argotec, Inc. building and west of the 170-ft right-of-way to National Grid and their high-voltage transmission lines. The property is 5.83 acres in size and is mostly wooded. There is a large wetland resource area located in the southern portion of the property.



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The applicant is looking to re-locate 8 propane tanks that are currently located on the west side of the Argotec building. The tanks are currently located in the National Grid right-of-way and are to be re-located on the recently acquired property west of the right-of-way. National Grid is requiring them to move the propane tanks out of their easement. Construction will include the installation of 8 propane tanks on 2 concrete pads, trenching and installation of gas line from tanks to the building's gas hookups, a gravel maintenance drive, and some grading. Erosion control perimeter best management practices will be employed prior to the commencement of construction. No work will be conducted within the 25-ft No Disturb Zone. The distance between the limit-of-work and the wetlands is 50 feet.

Mosher and Wonseski conducted a site visit of the project area on June 14, 2016.

Chair Mosher opened the public hearing.

No comment

Chair Mosher closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.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 spoke with Christy Moore, Recreation Department about the proposed trail work. Moore stated she supports the trail work and does not have any issues or concerns. The Commission would like to hire a trail builder to work with a crew of volunteers to layout the trail loop and to construct it.

Pollock spoke with Cathy Wilkins, Greenfield High School teacher about getting students to help with the trail work. Wilkins expressed that the students would like to get involved. The Commission will need to get approval from the Mayor and Town Council for the appropriation of existing Conservation funds for the work.



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**MOTION:** Moved by Miller, seconded by Nevins, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to appropriate \$2,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund # 8500 to hire a trail builder to work with a crew of volunteers to layout and construct a trail loop at the Green River Conservation Land (Assessor's Map R27, Lot 16A).

- **Community Forest Stewardship Implementation Grant:** Pollock was informed that the State has not included the Working Forest Initiative (WFI), which includes the Forest Stewardship Program in its budget. If the WFI is not reinstated into the 2017 budget, the grant application that was submitted will not be funded. The Stewardship Program introduces many landowners and towns to the possibilities of land management. In many cases, the modest grants for implementing Stewardship plans lead to economic activity worth many times more valuable, not to mention the recreational, educational, ecological and habitat value of the projects. The Commission will consider sending a letter to the State, urging them to include the grant in the budget. Pollock will draft a letter for the next meeting.
- **DPW, Silvercrest Circle – beaver dam:** DPW requests an Emergency Permit to breach a beaver pond. The ponded water is over a 14" water main and an 18" sewer main.

**MOTION:** Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to issue an Emergency Permit to breach a beaver pond located behind Silvercrest Circle.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Project Monitoring:

- 11-17 Meridian Street (DEP File #168-0310)

Correspondence:

- **660 Colrain Road:** Pollock notified the Commission that the property owner is considering doing headwall repair and bank stabilization work at the inlet of her existing culvert. The Commission should expect seeing the NOI application in next few months.

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development;  
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Adjournment:



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**MOTION:** Moved by Miller, seconded by Nevins, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Pollock  
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Timothy Mosher  
Chair