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Minutes of Tuesday, October 12, 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
Gail Miller
John Griffin
Erika LaForme

ALSO PRESENT: George Gioules
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2016

The Commission will postpone the approval of meeting minutes until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

- **7:00p.m. RDA – George Gioules, 38 East Wayland Drive:** Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by George Gioules for property located at 38 East Wayland Drive (Assessor's Map R11, Lot 33C), to determine whether the work pertaining to the construction of a single family house is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

George Gioules, applicant was present. Stated he would like to build his house 90 feet from a previously approved delineated wetland and excavate up to the 25-ft "No Disturb Zone." Stated he would like to excavate so he can have walk out basement to a back yard. Stated he would have erosion controls installed at the limit-of-work, as indicated in the submitted plan.

Gioules, Mosher, Miller, LaForme, and Griffin conducted a site visit on October 12th. Mosher stated during the site visit he observed that the existing erosion controls are a bit damaged and needed to be fixed for the proceeding project. Stated the grade slopes downward from the street to the wetland. Stated he understands that the applicant does not want stormwater runoff to go in his house. Stated the house foundation would be higher than



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the existing grade.

MOTION: Moved by Miller, seconded by Griffin, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to issue a Negative Determination 3, the work described in the Request, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the Boiler Plate Conditions and the following conditions:

- 1) Silt fence and straw bale shall be installed prior to construction, and the Conservation Commission shall be notified at least three (3) days prior to commencement of work so that siltation barriers can be inspected. Silt fence and straw bale shall remain in place until all disturbed areas are re-vegetated and stabilized.
- 2) Re-fueling of equipment shall only occur outside of the 100-ft buffer zone to the adjacent wetlands.
- 3) All ruts consequent to movement of equipment shall be flattened and seeded in kind with a New England wetland seed mix;

MOTION: Moved by Miller, seconded by Griffin, 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:

- **GTD/Griswold Conservation Area, Stewardship Implementation:** Pollock spoke with Lincoln Fish, Forester for the property. Fish anticipates to be done with the invasive control by October 22nd. Afterwards, he will start working on the harvest markings, forest cutting plan, and updating the existing Stewardship Plan. Fish hopes to submit the updated Stewardship Plan to the Conservation Commission in time for their November 22nd meeting for review and approval. The pre-harvest walk has been re-scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd. The scheduling of the Bird Habitat Assessment walk will try for December 3rd too. The Bird Habitat Assessment is due by January 15, 2017.
- **142 Mohawk Trail, LLC, 142 Mohawk Trail (DEP #168-0301): Request for a Certificate of Compliance:** The Commission reviewed the request. Upon the final site inspection, Pollock observed erosion issues beginning to form at the western end of the gabion baskets. Additionally, trash was found in the gabion baskets, within the riverbed, and along its banks. Pollock showed Commission members photos of her observations. The Commission will conduct a follow-up site inspection. Pollock will inform the applicant the concerns.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:



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Project Monitoring:

- **Greenfield Investors Property Development LLC, 145 Gill Road, French King Highway: Requesting an Superseding Order of Conditions Extension (DEP #168-0254):** The applicant is Requesting for the Extension Permit regarding the Superseding Order of Conditions for DEP #168-0254. Since the Order was issued by MassDEP, they will be the reviewing authority. The Commission will be provided a final decision made by MassDEP.
- **DPW: Sewer right-of-way along Crescent Street, Spring Terrace and Freeman Drive:** The DPW drainage crew needs to clear brush and trees in the town sewer right-of-way between Crescent Street, Spring Terrace and Freeman Drive. Residents have complained of lingering sewer odor in the neighborhood. Each structure has to be inspected as well. Pollock informed DPW that the proposed activities would be exempt under the WPA and the local wetlands protection ordinance per 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)2j.

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 28, 2016, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Griffin, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Timothy Mosher
Chair