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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Tuesday, October 25, 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
Erika LaForme

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Horan, Synergy Environmental, Inc.
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: John Griffin

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.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2016

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

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

Other Business:

- **Leyden Woods Redevelopment Project: Tree Trimming & Removal:** Leyden Woods is having some issues with overgrown trees and a couple trees that have died, fallen, and are leaning precariously onto other trees. Many of the overgrown trees are beginning to grow into the roofs of some of the buildings. It is also going to be a continuous problem and they would like to get a tree trimmer in before we begin construction of the new buildings in other courts. TCB submitted some photographs of some of the problematic trees.



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Some of the dead trees have fallen from within the wetlands and many of the trees that are growing into roofs are within the 25-ft “No Disturb Zone.” The Commission would like Pollock to conduct a site walk with the applicant to confirm the tree locations and potential hazards before commenting.

- **142 Mohawk Trail, LLC, 142 Mohawk Trail (DEP #168-0301): Request for a Certificate of Compliance:** Chris Horan, representative to the applicant is present. Horan stated the authorized work, including: the construction of a gabion wall, installation of plants, removal and replacement of the degraded fence, and removal of debris from the stream have been completed. Stated the plants have been monitored for 2 growing seasons and appear to be healthy. No damage to the gabion was observed. The silt fence remains in place. In areas with greater shade, the New England wetland seed mix did not result in growth of ground cover. It may not be possible for such growth to occur. However, at the recommendation of the vendor (New England Wetland Plants, Inc.), New England Semi-Shad Grass and Forbs Mix was spread in these areas.

Miller stated she conducted a site visit and observed trash along and in the stream.

LaForme stated she conducted a site visit and observed a potential erosion issue at the eastern edge of the gabion wall.

Mosher stated he conducted a site visit and also observed a potential erosion issue at the eastern edge of the gabion wall. Stated there is new curbing adjacent to the eroding bank. All the water from the paved area is pitched to the catch basin which is adjacent to the curb and eastern edge of the gabion wall. Inquires whether the erosion issue is result of the non curbing or is now a new problem with the new curbing.

Horan responded he is not sure.

Mosher stated he would like to observe the erosion issue during a rainstorm to see what is happening.

Horan stated he thinks that the soil was not compacted after the gabion wall was constructed.

Mosher stated the problem could get worse if not properly addressed.

Horan stated he could put more soil down, tap it and seed it.

Pollock stated she would like to see the trash found along and in the stream to be removed off-site.



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Mosher stated the applicant should resubmit his request in spring 2017.

- **Surplus Town-owned Property Disposition: River Street (Assessor's Map 32, Lot 2):** The Commission has no issue with this request.

MOTION: Moved by Miller, seconded by LaForme, and voted 3-0 to positively recommend the sale of a portion of Parcel 32-2, as indicated in the submitted materials dated October 6, 2016.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Project Monitoring:

- **482 Leyden Rd: Title V Septic Replacement Project:** The erosion barriers have been issued and work has commenced.

Correspondence:

- **MassDOT: I-91 Re-Paving Traffic Lanes:** MassDOT submitted correspondence stating they will be re-paving I-91 which is within the 100-ft buffer zone and the 200-ft Riverfront Area. However, the work is exempt and does not need to be filed with the Commission.

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 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 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Timothy Mosher
Chair