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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Tuesday, January 24, 2017**  
**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  
John Griffin  
Gail Miller  
Erika LaForme

**ALSO PRESENT:** Katy Wilkins, Tighe & Bond  
Joseph Mattei, Architect  
Steve Capshaw, Valley Steel Stamps President  
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2016

**MOTION:** Moved by Griffin, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 3-0-1 (LaForme abstained) to accept the minutes from September 28, 2016.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2016

**MOTION:** Moved by Griffin, seconded by LaForme, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to table the minutes from December 12, 2016

Public Meetings/Hearings:

- **7:00p.m. RDA – Valley Steel Stamps, 15 Greenfield Street:** Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Valley Steel Stamp, Inc, for property located at 15 Greenfield Street (Assessor's Map R05, Lot 28C), to determine whether the boundaries of resource area(s) depicted on submitted plans is accurately delineated.

Representatives to the applicant, Katy Wilkins and Joseph Mattei; and applicant, Steve Capshaw were present. Wilkins explained the RDA application is for a confirmation of delineated wetland boundaries for Bank, Intermittent, and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVWs) at 15 Greenfield



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Street. The wetlands were delineated in March 2016.

Wetland flags 1A-1 to 1A-7 and 1C-7 to 1C-12 represent the inland Bank of one of two intermittent streams located on the property. The 1A/1C stream channel is located east of the existing building, between the building and forested areas to the north of property. Surface water flows from a BVW located off-site to the north of the property. The 1A/1C channel conveys flows from the north to south, before discharging into a catch basin near flags 1A-1 & 1C-1. Flows are then conveyed through a pipe beneath the parking lot before discharging from a culvert into a maintained lawn area near Greenfield Street. Water then flows along a landscaped area and into another culvert that runs under Greenfield Street and away from the subject property. Inland Bank associated with the intermittent stream is jurisdictional under the MA's Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) as it originates from a jurisdictional BVW. Jurisdiction ends at the culvert outlet in the lawn area where channelized flow ceases.

The banks of the channel are vegetated with red maple, grey birch, white pine, wild raisin, highbush blueberry, and sensitive fern. On the date of the site visit, the substrate was comprised of muck and sand/gravel. The channel was approximately 3 feet wide with gradual sloping banks.

Wetland flags 1B-1 to 1B-9 delineate the inland Bank of another intermittent stream channel present along the northern extent of the property. The intermittent channel is a manmade ditch that conveys water from the forested wetland north of the property in an easterly direction along the north parcel boundary, to a catch basin located in the eastern section of the property. The channel is approximately 3 feet wide with steep, vegetated banks. The substrate is mucky with no other vegetation identified growing in the area of water flow. Vegetation growing along the banks included white pine, grey birch, honeysuckle, and highbush blueberry.

Wetland flags 1A-8 to 1A-10 and 1C-1 to 1C-6 delineate BVW along the edges of the intermittent stream channels, primarily the centrally located channel. The BVW is primarily forested with vegetation consisting of red maple, slippery elm, cinnamon, fern, white pine saplings, and bristly dewberry. The Wetland is hydrology connected to the larger mapped forested wetland north of the property. Soils throughout the wetland exhibited a matrix that was primarily characterized as 10YR 4/2 with 10% redox concentrations.

Mosher, Pollock, LaForme, Wilkins, Mattei, and Capshaw attended a site visit on January 20, 2017. Mosher stated that while he attended the site visit, he observed the wetland boundaries, and believes they were accurately delineated. There was a large plateau sloped off to the east which is where the applicant may want to construct a building in the future.

LaForme stated that she believes the wetland boundaries were accurately delineated.

**MOTION**      **Moved by Griffin, seconded by LaForme, and voted 4-0 for a positive determination 2a the boundary delineations of the following resource areas (Bank: Wetland flags 1A-1 to**



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**1A-7; 1C-7 to 1C-12; Bordering Vegetated Wetlands: Wetland flags 1A-8 to 1A-10; 1C-1 to 1C-6) are confirmed as accurate. Therefore, the resource area boundaries confirmed in this Determination are binding as to all decisions rendered pursuant to the WPA and its regulations regarding such boundaries for as long as this Determination is valid.**

Other Business:

**15 Greenfield Street:** Mattai stated his client - Valley Steel Stamps would like to construct a building for manufacturing purposes in the area is considered uplands. This area would be within the 100-ft buffer zone only. Stated he will file a Notice of Intent for the project prior to starting construction.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Project Monitoring:

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by Griffin, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Pollock  
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Timothy Mosher  
Chair