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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Tuesday, February 28, 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
Rachel Lindsay

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2016

MOTION: Moved by Griffin, seconded by LaForme, no further discussion and voted 3-0-2 (Miller and Lindsay abstained) to accept the minutes from September 28, 2016.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2017

MOTION: Moved by Griffin, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-1 (Lindsay abstained) to accept the minutes from January 24, 2017.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

- **7:00p.m. RDA – Irving Oil Marketing Inc, 223 Mohawk Trail:** Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Irving Oil Marketing, Inc. for property located at 223 Mohawk Trail (Assessor's Map 44, Lot 7), to determine whether the work pertaining to the removal and replacement of underground fuel storage tanks, the upgrading of fuel dispensers and other site renovations is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Representative to the applicant, Emily Stockman was present. Stockman, Mosher, Griffin, LaForme, Miller, Lindsay, and Pollock conducted a site visit on February 28, 2017.



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Stockman described the project area. The subject property is a 0.577-acre parcel located at the corner of the Mohawk Trail and Colrain Road. The parcel contains an existing Irving/Circle-K gas station with convenience store. With the exception of a few landscaped area and a small wooded area within the property's northeast corner. The entire lot is developed with impervious surfaces. The entire parcel is located within Riverfront Area associated with Wheeler Brook. Wheeler Brook is an open perennial stream channel to the west of the property. The brook then flows easterly, culverted within the property and Colrain Road, and daylighting off the property to the east. The majority of the parcel is also located within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (FEMA mapped 100-year floodplain).

Stockman explained the proposed work consists of the removal of existing underground steel fuel tanks and the installation of new double wall underground fuel storage tanks. The project also includes upgrading the fuel dispensers and overhead canopy, installing a new storage shed, removing an existing storage shed in the northwest corner of the property, creating a trash enclosure, relocating the propane exchange and resurfacing with bituminous concrete pavement. In addition, the existing accessible parking, ramp and sidewalk will be brought up to current codes. The project will decrease the amount of impervious surface on the parcel with adding the new ~150 square feet. All work will be conducted within the existing footprint of developed area. Prior to the start of work, Filtrexx® erosion controls will be installed to define the limit of work and serve as a barrier between the open channel of Wheel Brook and the work area.

Griffin asked Stockman to describe the Filtrexx® erosion controls to be used. Stockman responded the Filtrexx® erosion controls are a stronger version of a straw wattle so they maintain the height better.

Lindsay stated she noticed residues on the grass adjacent to the open channel from the test pit during the site visit. Stockman responded she noticed the residues too. Stated the area will be cleaned up and the residues will be removed.

LaForme inquired whether the old tanks will be removed off-site. Stockman responded yes, the tanks will be removed off-site. Stated a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) will be on-site during the project should anything happen. There is land between the tank and the culverted stream. The tank is 8 feet in diameter and will be buried 10 to 12 feet deep. The top of the culvert is 4 feet 5 inches, so the tanks will be lower than the culverted stream.

Miller inquired whether the applicant looked at groundwater data for the area. Stockman responded they did not. Miller stated the applicant could include a dewatering plan if they believe groundwater maybe an issue.

Mosher stated he found monitoring wells back of the existing building. Stated there was a liquid spill at this property years ago.



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Mosher stated this project is an improvement. They are replacing the old tanks as mandated by the state and they are reducing impervious surface on the property with added landscaping. Stated the existing dumpsters will now be enclosed.

- MOTION** Moved by Griffin, seconded by LaForme, and voted 5-0 for a negative determination 3 the work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, 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 following conditions:
1. A Siltsack shall be installed inside each catch basin located on the project site. Routine inspection of a Siltsack's collected sediment level shall be conducted in order to prevent "ponding" around storm drains. The Siltsack can be emptied and re-used for the life of the construction project.
 2. Any spoils shall be covered;
 3. Any discovered dirty dirt shall be reported to MassDEP and removed off-site immediately;
 4. All hazardous reporting shall be submitted to MassDEP and the Greenfield Conservation Commission.

- MOTION** Moved by Griffin, seconded by LaForme, and voted 5-0 the work described in the Request is not subject to review and approval by the Town of Greenfield, pursuant to the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance, Chapter 195.

Other Business:

- **Trail Work at the Green River Conservation Area** – The Commission discussed revisiting the conversation about trail work needed at the Green River Conservation Area. Pollock will reach out to Dick O'Brien of Conservation Works LLC about scheduling the trail work. The Town Council and Mayor approved the appropriation of conservation commission money to go towards trail work earlier this year so the Commission would like to make sure to complete the work.
- **GTD/Griswold Conservation Area** – The timber harvest has been completed. The Commission received \$9,500 for the timber sale. The Commission needs to pay Lincoln Fish the consulting forester for his consulting services \$2,796. Therefore, the Commission will make a net gain of \$6,704 from the project. The Commission needs to set up follow-up site walk for the Forestry for the Bird audit this spring, TBD.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:



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- **225-245 Mohawk Trail** – On February 28, 2017, Commission members noticed a potentially unauthorized point source discharge at the south-eastern edge of the parking lot into Wheeler Brook. Commission members also observed trash and debris along the bank and in the brook. Pollock will contact the property owner about this potential violation and request that they attend the March 28th meeting.
- **Gail Miller** – Announced she will be stepping down from the Commission at the end of term, which ends on June 30, 2017. Pollock mentioned that a Greenfield resident recently inquired about becoming a member, so she will reach out to the person.

Project Monitoring:

- 237 Mohawk Trail, Big Y (DEP #168-0315) – The Commission conducted a site visit of the project site on February 28, 2017. It appeared the approved rip rap and planting were satisfactorily placed. The Commission did observe trash under the rip rap, along the bank and in the brook. They also observed potentially unauthorized point source discharge adjacent to the project site.

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by LaForme, seconded by Griffin, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Timothy Mosher
Chair