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Minutes of Tuesday, July 11, 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
Erika LaForme
Rachel Lindsay

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Cooney, Wright Builders
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: John Griffin

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2017.

MOTION: Moved by Lindsay, seconded by LaForme, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to accept the minutes from May 9, 2017.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2017.

MOTION: Moved by Lindsay, seconded by LaForme, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to accept the minutes as amended from May 23, 2017

Public Meetings/Hearings:

- **7:00 p.m. Continued NOI – Charlie Fiechter/GTR Greenfield Millbrook Solar LLC, - 195 Mill Brook Road (Assessor’s Map R11, Lot 84):** Notice of Intent submitted by Charlie Fiechter/GTR Greenfield Millbrook Solar LLC, for property located at 195 Mill Brook Road (Assessor’s Map R11, Lot 84), for the installation of a 4,320 panel 1.468 MW ground-mounted solar photovoltaic system at this location.

Via email correspondence, the applicant requested to continue the public hearing until the July 25th Commission meeting.

MOTION: Moved by LaForme, seconded by Lindsay, and voted 3-0-0 to continue the public hearing until July 25, 2017.



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7:15p.m. Continued NOI – Greenfield Glass Co., - 52 River Street (Assessor’s Map 32, Lot 2B): Notice of Intent submitted by Greenfield Glass Co, for property located at 52 River Street (Assessor’s Map 32, Lot 2B), for construction of a 40’x60’ warehouse at this location. Via email correspondence, the applicant requested to continue the public hearing until the May 13th Commission meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Lindsay, seconded by LaForme, and voted 3-0-0 to continue the public hearing until TBD.

Other Business:

- **Proposed Site for Rain Garden at 225-245 Mohawk Trail** – Tony Wonseski of SVE Associates submitted a concept plan for the proposed rain garden at the south-east corner of the property by the “Money Tree” ATM for the Commission to review. Earlier in the year, the Commission observed an unpermitted point source discharge at the edge of the parking lot going into Wheeler Brook. The proposed work would include a stone swale, forebay, stone check dam, rain garden/bioretention, and added rip rap to adjacent existing point source discharge that is permitted before entering Wheeler Brook. The proposed plan includes a planting list.

Lindsay inquired whether existing trees would be removed. Pollock responded she did not know and will ask Wonseski. Pollock will request that the applicant conduct a tree inventory of existing trees, if being removed. For any tree removed, replacement tree may be required by the Commission. Lindsay requested that the application include a scheduled maintenance plan for the forebay and rain garden. Pollock stated a stormwater report would be required as part of this NOI application. The Commission did not have any other issues regarding the proposed work.

- **Access to locations for non-invasive ecological surveys**– UMASS Department of Environmental Conservation students will receive some training in non-invasive ecological field techniques and research skills this summer. They will be conducting a series of basic bird point counts and subsequent vegetation identification surveys. They have pre-selected 50 sites across the Pioneer Valley that are designated as publicly accessible conservation land. In the process the following sites fall Town of Greenfield, including: Green GTD/Griswold Conservation Area, Green Leyden Woods Conservation Area, and Green Rocky Mountain

While the sites are designated as publicly accessible, the students want to be sure they have proper permissions to conduct non-invasive ecological surveys at the sites. They also ask for permission to leave a small piece of flagging to mark the point.

They want to formally ask for permission to conduct these surveys. If granted permission, they will access the points 2-4 times over the course of the summer. All data and findings from the



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field work can be made available upon request. The Commission is fine with the request and would like to receive a summary report of all data and findings for each property.

- **Trail Work: Green River Conservation Area** – Students and representatives from Conservation Works LLC continue to work on the trail building.
- **106 ½ Deerfield Street – degraded areas-** Lindsay, LaForme, Pollock, MJ Adams, Selena Weber, and Mark Ledwell conducted a site visit on May 30, 2017 to observe existing “degraded areas” on site. Under the WPA, degraded areas in the Riverfront Area are impervious surfaces from existing structures, or pavements, absences of topsoil, junkyards, or abandoned dumping grounds.

Roger Cooney was present to discuss the degraded areas and would like to request the Commission to approve the areas observed on-site and on the submitted concept plan as degraded.

Commission members observed old foundations to three houses, associated driveways, and an area fill with trash and debris.

Lindsay stated the vegetation depicted in the plan was not accurately represented. Stated she could not properly determine the degraded areas until the vegetation is accurately represented and that a site survey is provided.

Cooney responded he is currently getting someone to survey the property, which will help show the top of bank to the Green River, the road right-of-way, and existing vegetation.

Commission noted that the square footage of degraded area as shown on the site plan are not accurate. The Commission request the applicant review the square footage and come back with accurate numbers, as well as providing color on the site plan to help Commission members better understand the plan; and historic photographs of the property, if possible.

- **Request for a re-issuance of an original Certificate of Compliance: 215 Shelburne Road, (DEP #168-165)** – An Eversource representative requests for an original Certificate of Compliance for the above referenced Order of Conditions. The Certificate of Compliance was initially completed and executed in January of 2002. A recent search of the property’s title with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds has confirmed that the Certificate was never actually recorded. Commission members signed the Certificate of Compliance.
- **Surplus Property Disposition Parcel 24-19 (Deerfield Street)** – The Planning Department request the Commission review the surplus property disposition for Parcel 24-19 and to see if the property is needed for any Town purposes or has any special conditions. The Commission



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reviewed the request and does not have any issues with the disposition.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

- **637 Colrain Road** – Pollock received a telephone call about potential violation occurring at this property. The property owner may be adding large amount of fill to/near a wetland. Commission request that Pollock send a letter to the property owner to attend the next meeting for discussion.

Project Monitoring:

- **223 Mohawk Trail, Irving Gas Station** – Pollock inspected the sedimentation and erosion controls prior to work commencement. Pollock observed that the controls were satisfactory installed and will continue to periodically inspect them during construction.

Correspondence:

Action Items:

- **Annual Reorganization**

MOTION: Moved by LaForme, seconded by Lindsay and voted 3-0-0 to make the following appointments:

Chair – Tim Mosher

Vice-Chair – Rachel Lindsay

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development;
114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Lindsay, seconded by LaForme, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Timothy Mosher
Chair