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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Tuesday, November 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  
Erika LaForme  
John Griffin  
Doug Cloutier

**ALSO PRESENT:** Tony Wonseski, SVE Associates  
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

**ABSENT:** Rachel Lindsay

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2017

**MOTION:** Moved by Griffin, seconded by LaForme, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to approve the meeting minutes from November 14, 2017.

Public Hearings/Meetings:

- **NOI – Greenfield Savings Bank – property identified as Mohawk Trail (Assessor’s Map 44, Lot 4):** Notice of Intent submitted by Greenfield Savings Bank for property identified as Mohawk Trail (Assessor’s Map 44, Lot 4) for drainage improvements to the Greenfield Savings Bank ATM located in the Big Y Shopping Plaza parking lot due to point source storm water discharge to Wheeler Brook.

On February 28, 2017, Commission members noticed an 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 contacted the property owner about the violation and to mitigate the issue.

Wonseski, representative to the Applicant was present. Stated the unauthorized point source discharge was result of the Greenfield Savings Bank’s ATM project on-site. The area was previously paved with an access drive between the Big Y parking lot and the adjacent Irving



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Co Gas Station. The existing runoff from the area drained onto the gas station property and then onto Wheeler Brook. With development of the ATM site, access between the two properties was cut off. The gas station then installed a berm along the property preventing drainage to their property and creating a ponding condition on the ATM property. This was an unsafe condition especially during freezing temperatures. In order to relieve this condition, ATM personnel cut an opening in the curb an opening in the curb to drain the ponded water. They were not aware they needed a permit to do this simple curb cut. The opening was discovered by the Conservation Commission during a site visit of the adjacent gas station on February 28, 2017. The Commission issued a letter requesting the Greenfield Savings Bank to obtain a permit to resolve the unpermitted point source discharge to Wheeler Brook. SVE Associates was brought on to assist in resolving this condition and obtain a permit.

Stated that after reviewing the site and concluding that there was very little area to provide runoff treatment, a forebay and bioretention cell with proposed discharge to the existing discharge point for the larger commercial property was selected. Stated he did consider other Low Impact Development (LID) measures and found the proposed forebay and bioretention will provide minor attenuation and treatment to the maximum extent practicable given the site constraints. Stated that he believes this design is a significant improvement over the historic condition and also the current condition.

Griffin read the correspondence by MassDEP and written response from Wonseski.

Chair Mosher opened the public hearing.

No Comments

The Chair closed the public hearing 7:30 pm.

**MOTION** Moved by Griffin, seconded by LaForme, and voted 4-0 to approve the Notice of Intent submitted by Greenfield Savings Bank for property identified as Mohawk Trail (Assessor's Map 44, Lot 4) for drainage improvements to the Greenfield Savings Bank ATM located in the Big Y Shopping Plaza parking lot due to point source storm water discharge to Wheeler Brook, subject to the following conditions:

1. All new plantings shall be monitored for two growing seasons and all failed plantings shall be replaced according to the following schedule:
  - A) Reports shall be submitted to the Commission at the end of the first and second growing seasons censusing the surviving plantings.
  - B) Plants that died in the previous growing season shall be replaced the following spring.
  - C) Reports shall be submitted to the Commission at the beginning of the second and third growing seasons listing the replacement plantings.
2. Snow storage shall not occur in the forebay and rain garden/bioretention cell;



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**3. These Boilerplate conditions;**

Other Business:

- **Maintenance Dredging of Upper Leyden Glen Reservoir – Environmental Notification Form:** The Commission received an Environmental Notification Form describing the project and impacts to the surrounding wetlands. Pollock will request Nic Reitzel to attend a Commission meeting to discuss further.
- **Bonfire at the old Wedgewood Gardens property, Colrain Street:** Mosher informed the Commission that the Greenfield High School held a bonfire at the property on the night before Thanksgiving. Stated he is concerned that the Town did not discuss the fire with the Commission first. Stated he may reach out to the Mayor.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

- **GTD/Griswold Conservation** – LaForme informed the Commission that visitors are building a lot of cairns along the trails. A cairn is a human-made pile (or stack) of stones. Stated that the removal of stone is causing some erosion issues and is concerned it may worsen.

Mosher suggested that Commission could install a sign at the property to inform visitor to not remove stones.

Project Monitoring:

- **96-108 Deerfield Street** – Pollock and LaForme conducted a pre-construction site visit on November 2, 2017. The silt fencing and straw wattles were satisfactorily installed.

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street.

Please note, the Commission will be cancelling their December 26, 2017 meeting



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Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by Griffin, seconded by LaForme, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Pollock  
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Timothy Mosher  
Chair