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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Greenfield Department of Planning and Development**  
**114 Main Street, Greenfield MA 01301**

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Griffin at 6:03 PM with the following members:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Griffin, Chair  
Rachel Lindsay, Vice Chair  
Erika LaForme  
Doug Cloutier

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Magdalena Lofstedt of CMD Smith, 75 State Street #701, Boston, MA 02109  
Mark Ledwell of Wright Builders, 48 Bates Street, Northampton, MA 01060

**6:03 PM Administrative Matters: Approval of Minutes from August 14<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to table the approval of minutes from August 14 and August 28, 2018 to September 25, 2018**

**Motion seconded by Erika LaForme**

**No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**6:04 PM Administrative Matters: Public Inquiries – Temple Woods deed restrictions**

1. The GCC received an inquiry regarding the passive versus active recreational use of the Temple Woods recreation area, in which tee-pees have been constructed and camping has been occurring. According to the inquirer, whose mother was part of the group that originally conserved the Temple Woods area, the deed restriction for the recreation area specifically prohibits active recreational uses of the land such as camping, and she is concerned about prolonged human habitation in the area. Rachel Lindsay stated that as long as the recreational rules for the area are followed, then the construction of tee-pees is probably negligible, but any overnight camping requires permission from the Town.

**6:04 PM Administrative Matters: Other Business**

**1. Agent absence – 9/12/2018 to 9/24/2018:**

The Agent will be taking a leave of absence from 9/12/2018 to 9/24/2018.

**2. Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update – request for Commissioner to join committee:**

The GCC received a request from Eric Twarog, Director of Planning and Development, for a Commissioner to join the committee working to update the Town's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan which will meet once a month starting in October. Rachel Lindsay expressed interest in joining the committee, but requested more information about the committee before fully committing, so the Agent will obtain more information and forward it to the GCC.



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**6:07 PM Administrative Matters: Request for Certificates of Compliance – DEP # 168-0221, #168-0281, # 168-0310 for 11-17 Meridian Street**

The Agent performed a final site inspection on September 11, 2018 with Erika LaForme and Magdalena Lofstedt of CDM Smith to respond to the Request for Certificates of Compliance for the remediation of the former SWARF disposal area at 11-17 Meridian Street. The overall goal of the work was to remediate the area and stabilize the bank of the Green River. Plantings were to be monitored for two (2) growing seasons for the survival and mortality of the plantings, in which any dead plants were to be replaced. The bank stabilization area was observed to be stable and thriving, so it was agreed that the bank stabilization efforts were successful. Mortality of some of some of the required plantings was observed (which was the result of ephemeral flooding) but because many of those plants were replanted in the spring of 2018, many of the them were hard to locate. Overall, the area appeared overall to be a healthy and diverse habitat with a wealth of herbaceous and woody species.

**Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP # 168-0221 for 11-17 Meridian Street**

**Motion seconded by Doug Cloutier**

**No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP # 168-0281 for 11-17 Meridian Street**

**Motion seconded by Doug Cloutier**

**No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**Motion made by Erika LaForme to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP # 168-0310 for 11-17 Meridian Street**

**Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay**

**No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**6:52 PM Other Projects, Monitoring, Enforcements & Violations**

**1. Amend Enforcement Order: DEP # 168-0321 – Green River Commons wetland mitigation area at Highland Park:**

Mark Ledwell, applicant for the Green River Commons project was present to discuss violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance as a result of site preparation activities to construct a 4,000 square foot wetland mitigation area along the edge of the parking area off Bears Den Road. The Agent discovered the violations on August 8, 2018 while performing a routine compliance site inspection after receiving notification on August 7, 2018 that the preparation work for the planting area had been completed. The violations occurred due to the site being left without any means of stabilization after the preparation work had occurred, which was followed by severe 100-year rainstorm that caused a great deal of both topsoil and parking lot material to wash into the intermittent stream that flows into Highland Pond.

Rachel Lindsay inquired as to how Mr. Ledwell proposed to remove sediment and parking lot material from the intermittent stream channel; he replied that work would begin at the southern end of the parking area where the greatest amount of erosion occurred, and would move down the channel toward Highland Pond where the least amount of erosion occurred. Rachel continued to ask how it will be determined that all of the eroded sediment has



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been removed from the stream channel; Mr. Ledwell replied that he couldn't guarantee total removal of the eroded material, but that the sediment would be hand-removed by shovels.

Erika LaForme asked where the planting and seeding would occur in the area relative to the erosion controls; Mr. Ledwell stated that the planting would occur above the existing straw wattle, which would be followed by the installation of an erosion control blanket and the area would then be hydroseeded. Rachel asked why the planting area would be hydroseeded while the slope of the parking area would not be; Mr. Ledwell replied by stating that the slope should be hand-planted rather than hydroseeded. Rachel also asked when the proposed work was anticipated to start; Mr. Ledwell stated that he would prefer to start this work immediately to keep the project moving forward.

John Griffin proceeded to ask the GCC if they were amenable to the restoration work as proposed, or if they wanted to amend the Enforcement Order issued on August 28, 2018. Rachel commented that there simply is and has not been enough information provided to ensure that compliance is achieved with the mitigation area. John Griffin stated that the original Enforcement Order was also insufficient and difficult to enforce, but that the GCC wants to use this as an opportunity to improve the overall situation. Rachel continued to state that the amended Enforcement Order is more specific in its requirements which will eliminate any future confusion regarding the required actions at Highland Park and will result in a better project overall.

**Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue the amended Enforcement Order for DEP # 168-0321 for the Green River Commons off-site wetland mitigation area at Highland Park**

**Motion seconded by Erika LaForme**

**No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**2. Discuss Enforcement Order – 270 Turners Falls Road:**

The Agent updated the GCC on the Enforcement Order issued for erosion and sedimentation of the Connecticut River and alteration of Priority Habitats of Rare species to Matthew Smith and Lindsay Reed of 270 Turners Falls Road on August 7, 2018. The Agent received a Notice of Non-Compliance from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) on September 6, 2018 for violations within a designated Priority Habitats of Rare Species area, requiring that any filing submitted to the GCC for work in this area must be submitted to NHESP for review as well. The Agent still has not been contacted by the property owners to set up a site visit at this time.

**3. Discuss Scout Road Emergency Permit:**

The Agent updated the GCC on the DPW Emergency Permit to replace the undersized culvert near #71 Scout Road. The Agent has been working with MassDEP to develop the Emergency Permit who informed her that it should be treated like any other Notice of Intent or Request for Determination, and should be accompanied by project narrative including a proposed work sequence, and an Order of Special Conditions should be issued for the work. The Agent will continue to update the GCC on the status of the Emergency Permit, and will inform them when the complete submission has been made.

**4. Griswold GTD Conservation Area – forest management plan to expire on 12/31/2018:**

The Agent discovered correspondence from Mike Downey, Forest Stewardship Coordinator for the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) that the Forest Management Plan for the Griswold GTD Conservation Area is going to expire on 12/31/2018. The GCC expressed their desire to keep this property in active forest management, and instructed the Agent to begin the process to update the stewardship plan.



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**Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to update the Forest Stewardship Plan for the Griswold GTD Conservation Area**  
**Motion seconded by Erika LaForme**  
**No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**Set Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development, located at 114 Main Street in Greenfield.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 PM**

**Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to adjourn at 8:05 PM**  
**Motion seconded by Erika LaForme**  
**No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarah A. Fortune  
Conservation Agent

John Griffin,  
Chair