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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 9th, 2018
Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
114 Main Street, Greenfield MA 01301

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Griffin at 6:06 PM with the following members:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Cloutier

ALSO PRESENT: Rustin Ingold-Smith, 34 Glenbrook Drive, Greenfield, MA 01301
Tony Wonseski, SVE Associates, 439 W. River Road, Brattleboro, VT 05302
Eric Grant, 71 Silver Crest Lane, Greenfield, MA 01301
Bill Lattrell, Lattrell Ecological Consulting, LLC, 188 Taylor Brook Road, Colrain, MA 01340
Mark Ledwell, Green River Homes LLC, 48 Bates Street, Northampton, MA 01060

6:06 PM Administrative Matters: Approval of Minutes from 8/14/2018, 8/28/2018, & 9/11/2018

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to table the approval of minutes from 8/14/2018 and 9/11/2018 to October 23, 2018

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to approve the minutes from 8/28/2018

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

6:10 PM Administrative Matters: Review Correspondence (Mail & Phone Messages)

1. Work-start Notification Form – Nash’s Mill Road bridge:

The GCC received notification from the US Army Corps of Engineers on September 25, 2018 that a permit was issued to MassDOT – Highway Division which authorized the permanent placement of 1,062 square feet of rip-rap below the Ordinary High Water (OHW) mark of the Green River. The work is associated with the replacement of the bridge conveying Nash’s Mill Road over the Green River. The lower portions of the existing abutments will remain in place to provide scour protection for the new abutments, which will be constructed behind the existing abutments. Rip-rap scour protection infilled with excavated river bed material is proposed in front of the abutments and wingwalls. The work also includes temporary access and dewatering behind control of water structures, resulting in 1,600 square feet of temporary impacts below OHW. The proposed start date for the work is 12/2/2018 and the end date is 7/1/2020.



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2. **Recorded Certificate of Compliance (COC) – DEP # 168-0165, Natick MA Realty Corp/Western Mass. Electric Co.:**

The GCC received a recorded Certificate of Compliance (COC) for DEP # 168-0165 issued to Natick MA Realty Corp/Western Massachusetts Electric Co. on September 27, 2018. The Order of Conditions was issued to the Applicant on July 10, 1995.

3. **I-91 Culvert Rehabilitation – site visit on 10/11/18 at 11 AM:**

The GCC received correspondence from Robert Natario of the MassDOT – Highway Division inviting the Agent to perform an inspection to the culvert rehabilitation site, which is on a perennial stream that flows under I-91. The Agent will update the GCC on findings from the inspection at the next meeting.

4. **MACC Fall Conference on 10/20/2018 – Registration open:**

Registration is open for the MACC Fall Conference on 10/20/18

6:18 PM Request for Determination (RDA): 293 Silver Street (Assessor's Map 111-44) – Vegetation removal

The Commission reviewed a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by SVE Associates c/o Eric Grant of the Silvercrest Condominium Trust for the property located at 293 Silver Street in Greenfield (Assessor's Map 111-44) to determine whether the work pertaining to the cutting and removal of four (4) large trees and brush is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance. All disturbance with the proposed project is located outside of the 25-foot No Disturb Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

John Griffin opened the meeting, and Tony Wonseski of SVE Associates and Eric Grant were present to describe the project, stating that the proposed work involves the removal of four (4) large trees that are leaning toward the condos creating a private safety hazard and removing underbrush to promote the growth of saplings along the top of slope at the rear edge of the lawn area. No digging is proposed as a part of the project, the tree stumps will remain on site to stabilize the slope, and all coarse woody material will be chipped and removed from the property. The trees to be removed are clearly marked with paint, and will be cut in pieces using a bucket loader due to the size of the trees. The work is anticipated to commence as soon as the ground is frozen and stable enough to support the necessary equipment to remove the trees.

John Griffin opened the meeting for public comment, and no members of the public were present.

Motion made by Erika LaForme to close the meeting for the Request for Determination for 293 Silver Street – vegetation removal

Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay

No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Motion made by Erika LaForme to approve issue a Negative Determination, Box 3 stating that the work described within the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined by 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 Special Conditions

Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay

No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Motion made by Erika LaForme to approve issue a Negative Determination, Box 6 stating that the area and/or work described within the Request is not subject to review and approval by the Greenfield Conservation Commission pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Ordinance, Chapter 195



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Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay
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6:54 PM Cont. Notice of Intent: 34 Glenbrook Drive (Assessor's Map R31-1) – proposed solar array

The Commission reviewed a Notice of Intent permit application submitted by Wendell Wetland Services c/o Just Roots, Inc. for the property located at 34 Glenbrook Drive (Assessor's Map R31-1) for the proposed construction of a solar array in the Riverfront Area associated with Glen Brook, a perennial Coldwater Fisheries Resource. All disturbance associated with the proposed project will occur in the outer 100-foot Riverfront Area; there is no disturbance proposed to other wetland resource areas or to the 25-foot No Disturb Zone regulated by the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

John Griffin reopened the hearing, and Tony Wonseski was present to inform the GCC that SVE Associates were contracted by Northeast Solar to revise the site plans to include topographical information, erosion-sediment controls, and amended calculations for the total Riverfront Area alterations and mitigation area size.

Rachel Lindsay asked if a map depicting Priority and Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife were submitted with the revised site plans. The Agent informed the GCC that project site is within Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife, but that the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHSEP) issued a determination on August 22, 2018 stating that the project would not constitute a take of rare species or their habitats.

Rachel Lindsay inquired about the invasive species management in the Riverfront Area. The Agent reported that the focus will be on Multiflora rose and Oriental bittersweet and that the management is included as a perpetual condition in the Order of Conditions to ensure improvement of the resource area over time.

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to approve the Notice of Intent submitted for DEP # 168-0327 for the construction of a solar array at 34 Glenbrook Drive

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue the Order of Conditions for DEP # 168-0327 for the construction of a solar array at 34 Glenbrook Drive

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

6:51 PM Other Projects, Monitoring, Enforcements & Violations

1. Discuss 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 as a result of preparation activities to construct a 4,000 square foot wetland mitigation area along the western edge of the parking area off Bears Den Road. William Lattrell of Lattrell Ecologic Consultants, LLC was also present to discuss the restoration plan for Highland Park per the requirements outlined in the Enforcement Order issued by the GCC on August 28, 2018 and amended on September 11, 2018. Mr. Lattrell reported that he developed the restoration plan with individual treatment areas for the parking area, but that the restoration plan was not ready for a full submission to the GCC. He continued to report that the wetland delineation revealed the presence of an intermittent stream, bank, and fringe Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) adjacent to the parking area.



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Mr. Lattrell informed the GCC that the planting is intended to occur in November if the weather conditions are appropriate, and that planting during this time of year is most successful after three (3) hard frosts, but that the worst-case scenario would require that site be stabilized for winter and the planting postponed until spring.

The GCC inquired about the effect of snow plowing and storage on the restoration area, and Mark Ledwell informed them that the DPW has agreed to install a construction fence at the edge of the parking area to prevent snow from being plowed or stored in the restoration area.

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 Endangered species to Matthew Smith and Lindsay Reed of 270 Turners Falls Road on August 7, 2018. The Agent still had not received a response from the property owner, so she contacted Mark Stinson, the MassDEP Western Region Circuit Rider and conducted a drive-by site visit with him on September 2, 2018 and they did not observe any indicators of severe erosion from Turner's Falls Road. The Agent will continue to contact the property owner to bring the property back into compliance with the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the MA Endangered Species Act.

3. Violation updates, 449 Country Club Road – septic system installation:

The Agent provided an update on the septic system installation violations discovered at 449 Country Club Drive. The Agent conducted a site visit to the property on September 27, 2018 to confirm that the coarse woody material that was removed from the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at the rear of the property and discovered that approximately 30-feet of Buffer Zone had been removed. The Agent was under the impression that only a few dead trees were removed from the property, but discovered that the Buffer Zone vegetation was removed to expand the lawn, which constitutes an entirely new violation. The Agent contacted the property owner and required that he obtain a wetland scientist to delineate the resource areas, determine the amount of total alteration to the resource areas on site, and provide the GCC with a proposal on how to restore the area. The GCC will approve or deny the restoration narrative at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

7:30 PM Chair, Agent & Member Reports

1. DEP # 168-0322 – Greenfield Savings Bank ATM drainage improvements:

Erika LaForme conducted a site inspection to the Greenfield Savings Bank and discovered that there is a piece of curb or asphalt berm missing to the left of the sediment forebay which is allowing stormwater to flow onto the adjacent property instead of into the bioretention basin, and requested that the Agent report this finding to the project representative and require that the issue be addressed.

2. Conservation land sign language:

Rachel Lindsay asked if the Agent had contacted the DPW regarding the sign language for conservation lands to ensure sign continuity and that the correct rules and regulations are posted at each conservation area. Although the Agent had not contacted the DPW, John Griffin reminded the GCC that they were going to investigate this issue on their own and report back at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

7:38 PM Approval of Documents – Emergency Permit, Scout Road culvert replacement

The GCC received a request from the Greenfield Department of Public Works (DPW) on October 9, 2018 to issue an Emergency Permit for the replacement of the culvert near #71 Scout Road. The existing 18-inch, 65-foot reinforced



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concrete pipe (RCP) culvert is undersized and regularly washes out the road making it impassible and results in large amounts of sediment to erode into the intermittent stream, while also posing a threat to public safety and private property. The DPW proposed to install a new 48-inch, 65-foot RCP culvert which has a greater flow capacity than the existing 18-inch RCP culvert, and intends to do the work immediately.

The Agent explained that the GCC must act on an Emergency Permit within 24-hours of receipt of the request. Moreover, an Emergency Permit can only be used to mitigate an emergency and that only the work necessary to abate the emergency is authorized. The permit is also only valid for thirty (30) days from the start date indicated on the form, which in this case is October 10, 2018; this requires immediate action in emergency situations. The Agent conducted a site visit on October 9, 2018 to observe current site conditions and confirmed that the to incorporate into the Special Order of Conditions to accompany the Emergency Permit; the stream was flowing at a high rate, so the Agent determined that the stream must be dewatered using a bypass pump prior to the culvert replacement to prevent sediment mobility within the stream.

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue the Emergency Permit to the DPW for culvert replacement on Scout Road

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

7:45 PM Other Projects, Monitoring, Enforcements & Violations

1. Develop system for regular compliance inspections for active projects:

The GCC reviewed a list of active projects requiring routine inspections developed by the Agent per the suggestion of Mark Stinson, MassDEP Western Region Circuit Rider to encourage project compliance and to alleviate the site visit schedule of the Agent. Rachel Lindsay suggested that Enforcement Orders be added to the list, and that the list should be updated and distributed at the beginning of each month.

2. Discuss Wedgewood Gardens overnight camping:

The GCC asked the Agent if there were any updates on the Wedgewood Gardens overnight camping issue, in which the town was proposing to relocate homeless individuals from the town common to Wedgewood Gardens until they could be provided with alternative housing. The Agent still had not received any formal communication from the Town requesting approval to allow overnight camping on the property to date. Regardless, the GCC informed the Agent that the people were vacated from the town common and were not camping at Wedgewood Gardens, so the issue seemed to be resolved.

3. Upcoming public hearings/meetings:

The Agent provided an update on the public hearings and meetings scheduled for the next GCC meeting.

Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development, located at 114 Main Street in Greenfield.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 PM

Motion made by Erika LaForme to adjourn at 8:17 PM

Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay

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Respectfully Submitted,
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