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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 11th, 2018
Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
114 Main Street, Greenfield MA 01301

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Griffin at 6:02 PM with the following members:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: None

6:02 PM Administrative Matters: Approval of Minutes from 9/11/2018, 10/9/2018, 10/23/2018, & 11/27/2018

Motion made by Erika LaForme to approve the minutes from 9/11/2018 as written

Motion seconded by Doug Cloutier

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

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to approve the minutes from 10/9/2018 as written

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

No further discussion – 3-0-1 – Motion Carries (Doug Cloutier abstains)

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to table the approval of the minutes from 10/23/2018 & 11/27/2018 to 1/8/2019

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

6:18 PM Administrative Matters: Review Correspondence – Sustainable Land Care Symposium on 1/15/19

The GCC received an invitation to attend the Sustainable Land Care Symposium on January 15, 2019 which was geared to informing municipal employees of sustainable land management practices, such as Conservation Commissions, Planning Departments, and Departments of Public Works.

6:18 PM Cont. Notice of Intent: DEP # 168-0328, Adams Road (ROW) – guardrail replacement

The Commission continued to review a Notice of Intent (NOI) permit application submitted by Ian Hodgdon c/o the Town of Greenfield Department of Public Works for the Right-of-Way (ROW) located between 128 and 144 Adams Road for the proposed installation of a concrete block retaining wall and reconstruction of existing guardrails. All disturbance associated with the proposed project will occur within the 25-foot No Disturb Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW).

The GCC received a request from Alan Twarog, Greenfield Engineering Superintendent, to continue the public hearing until January 8, 2019 so that site plans can be obtained from a registered professional engineer.



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Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to continue the public hearing for DEP # 168-0328 for the Adams Road guardrail and retaining wall reconstruction to January 8, 2019.

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

6:24 PM Notice of Intent (NOI): 1417 Bernardston Road (Map R10-9) – solar array construction

The Commission continued to review a Notice of Intent (NOI) permit application submitted by TRC Environmental Corporation c/o Kris Pitney of Pacifico Energy NA for the construction of a .75 megawatt direct current solar array on the property located at 1417 Bernardston Road (Assessor's Map R10-9) in Greenfield. There is 115,958 square feet of permanent disturbance proposed in the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and 958 square feet of permanent disturbance proposed in the 25-foot No Disturb Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) on the project site.

The GCC received a request from Maria Firstenberg of TRC Environmental to continue the public hearing until January 8, 2019.

Motion made by Erika LaForme to continue the public hearing for DEP # 168-0329 for the construction of a solar array at 1417 Bernardston Road until January 8, 2019

Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay

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

The Agent reported on the progress of obtaining an outside consultant to assist in the review of the Notice of Intent, site plans, stormwater report, and associated documents for this project. She had submitted Request for Quotes to three (3) consulting firms within relatively close proximity to Greenfield – SWCA Consultants, Berkshire Design Group, and SVE Associates. The Agent will report back to the GCC when she has received quotes for the peer review.

6:13 PM Other Projects, Monitoring, Enforcements & Violations

1. Review and approve 2019 meeting schedule and submission deadlines:

The Agent amended the submission deadline schedule for 2019 to allow for more time to review submissions prior to scheduling public hearings; there is now three (3) weeks provided between the submission deadline for a given meeting in 2019, whereas in 2018 the submission deadline was two (2) weeks prior to a given meeting date. The Agent explained her reasoning for extending the submission deadlines, which was to allow for permits to be drafted and ready for issuance at public hearings and meetings. Rachel Lindsay commented that she would like to schedule site visits prior to public hearings and meetings; the Agent replied that the new submission deadlines would provide the time for inspections as well.

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to approve the revised 2019 meeting schedule and submission deadlines

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

2. Violation updates – DEP # 168-0321 – Green River Commons wetland mitigation area at Highland Park:

The Agent provided an update on the restoration of the parking and wetland mitigation area at Highland Park, reporting that she had spoken with Bill Lattrell of Lattrell Ecological Consulting, LLC who informed her that the opportunity to plant and seed the parking area has past due to unsuitable weather conditions. Bill Lattrell instructed the project applicant to spread straw over the restoration/parking area to prepare it for winter and to prevent further



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sedimentation of the intermittent stream to the west of the parking area. The DPW will also be installing a high-visibility construction fence at the edge of the restoration/mitigation area to prevent people from parking on it.

3. Violation updates – 8 Conway Dive, unauthorized fill & access to Green River:

There were no updates to report on this agenda item.

4. Update: DEP # 168-0327 – Glenbrook Drive solar array construction:

The Agent performed a pre-activity meeting on November 15, 2018 to inspect the erosion sediment controls and the invasive species flagging. The erosion sediment controls were installed according to the site plan, and the invasive species had been properly flagged for removal, so the Agent gave the approval to start construction.

5. Discuss possible violations – 26 Clark Street:

The Agent was informed of possible violations of the Wetlands Protection Act pertaining to the unpermitted harvesting of trees in wetlands or within their buffer zones. The Agent performed a site inspection on December 11, 2018 and confirmed these violations through observation and documentation of freshly cut timber and saw dust piles. The Agent will issue an enforcement notice to the property owner and will update the GCC accordingly.

6. Discuss possible violations – 20 Greenway Lane:

The Agent discovered violations of the Wetlands Protection Act pertaining to the unpermitted dumping of fill in the form of leaves at 20 Greenway Lane on December 11, 2018 while performing the site inspection to 26 Clark Street. The Agent documented the violation and will include the photos in the enforcement notice issued to the property owners. The Agent will update the GCC accordingly.

7. Discuss development of fee schedule:

There were no updates to report on this agenda item.

Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 8th, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development, located at 114 Main Street in Greenfield.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 PM

Motion made by Erika LaForme to adjourn at 7:14 PM

Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah A. Fortune
Conservation Agent

John Griffin,
Chair