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Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 8th, 2019
Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
20 Sanderson Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Greenfield MA 01301

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Cassie Tragert (Agent)
Jessica Daury, UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA 01002
Dawn Travatini, National Grid, Sylvan Road, Millis, MA 02054
Maria Firstenberg, TRC, 650 Suffolk Street, Lowell, MA 01854

6:07 PM Administrative Matters: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/24/2019

Motion made by Erika LaForme to approve the meeting minutes from September 24, 2019 as amended
Motion seconded by Fletcher Harrington
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

6:10 PM Administrative Matters: Approval of Documents:

Certificate of Compliance: DEP # 168-033 – 121 Thayer Road Ext. – drainage improvements.

Agent Tragert did not supply the correct documentation and so the Commission was unable to review the document.

Motion made by John Griffin to table the document approval to the next meeting on October 22nd, 2019.
Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

Motion made by John Griffin to open the 6:15 PM scheduled public meeting at 6:12 PM.
Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

6:12 PM Request for Determination (RDA): Health Camp Road (Parcel R32-2B) – Subsurface soil investigation to support the design of the Green River Bank Stabilization Project

The Commission will review a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) submitted by New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid for property located off Health Camp Road in Greenfield (Assessor's Map R32, Lot 2B) to determine whether the proposed four (4) soil borings within the existing



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transmission line right-of-way are subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance. All of the proposed soil borings are within the riverfront area, the 100-foot wetland buffer, and bordering land subject to flooding.

John Griffin opened the public meeting. Maria Firstenberg, TRC and Dawn Travatini, National Grid were in attendance to present the project. They reported that the work includes bringing boring equipment into the resource area in order to collect soil samples for design of future projects. The Commission discussed the details of the equipment gaining access to the boring locations. At Rachel Lindsay's request, the presenters described the species of concern were present in the area according to the National Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP). The NHESP approved botanist did not find any of the four (4) possible listed species in the area. They obtained a field summary from the botanist and they have a NHESP approved operational/maintenance plan which includes guidelines for work within the area. Both aforementioned documents will be submitted to Agent Tragert. The Commission also sought clarification of when the boring would be completed and the presenters explained it would likely be November in order to coordinate with surveys by the Massachusetts Historical Commission due to potential archeological significance of the area. The Commission also sought clarification on potential damage to trees for equipment access to boring sites. The presenters explained there will be minimal loss of vegetation, no tree removal, nor ground disturbance due to smaller sized boring equipment. The Commission also clarified the name of the road associated is "Health Camp Road" not "Heath Camp Road".

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to close the public meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid for property located off Health Camp Road.

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue a Negative Determination, Box 2 stating that the work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require filing of a Notice of Intent.

Motion seconded by Fletcher Harrington

No further discussion – 3-0-0 (John Griffin abstained) – Motion Carries

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue a Negative Determination, Box 6 stating that the work described in the Request is not subject to review and approval pursuant to the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance, Chapter 195

Motion seconded by Fletcher Harrington

No further discussion – 3-0-0 (John Griffin abstained) – Motion Carries

6:33 PM Enforcement Updates & Other Business

➤ Enforcement updates

- 637 Colrain Road (Map R35-7) – unauthorized filling of wetlands
 - No updates. MassDEP taking the lead on this action.



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- 127 Thayer Road Ext. (Map 42-6A) – removal of BVW
 - Site visit recommended to determine extent of removal and possible actions to return to compliance.
- List of Outstanding Enforcements Actions
 - Agent Tragert will develop a complete list at the next meeting.
- Discuss draft fee schedule
 - Former Agent Fortune compiled a list of other municipality's fee schedules and drafted a fee schedule based off of that comparison. Agent Tragert presented those documents for review.
 - Agent Tragert will research the official process of approval and provide that information at the next meeting.

6:42 PM Project Monitoring & Site Visit Scheduling

- **Schedule site visit for Request for Extension:** DEP # 168-0289 – Stoneleigh-Burnham School; 574 Bernardston Road
 - Agent Tragert will contact applicant to schedule a site visit.
- **Schedule site visit for Request for Certificate of Compliance:** DEP # 168-0333 – 121 Thayer Road Ext. – drainage improvements.
 - Agent Tragert will contact applicant to schedule a site visit.
- **Schedule site visit for Request for Enforcement:** 127 Thayer Road Ext. – Removal of BVW.
 - Agent Tragert will contact applicant to schedule a site visit.
- **Schedule site visit for GTD Conservation Area:**
 - Site visit tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 AM with Lincoln Fish.

➤ **Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019**

The next GCC meeting will occur on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development, located at 20 Sanderson Street, Second Floor Conference Room in Greenfield.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 PM

Motion made by John Griffin to adjourn at 6:50 PM

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Tragert
Conservation Agent

John Griffin,
Chair