



William F. Martin
Mayor

City of
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall • 14 Court Square • Greenfield, MA 01301
Phone 413-772-1548 ext 3 • Fax 413-772-1309
sarah.fortune@greenfield-ma.gov • www.greenfield-ma.gov

John Griffin, Chair
Rachel Lindsay, Vice Chair
Erika LaForme

Agent: Sarah Fortune

GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 13th, 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 6:07 PM with the following members:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Horan, Synergy Environmental, Inc; 155 Railroad Plaza, Suite 100 Royersford, PA 19468
Fletcher Harrington; 51 High Street, Apt. 2F, Greenfield, MA 01301
Ted Johnson; 25 Keegan Lane, Greenfield, MA 01301
Pat Tweed, Greenfield Country Estates Coop, Inc; 42 Adams Road, Greenfield, MA 01301
Travis Druy; 74 High Street, Apt 1, Greenfield, MA 01301
Kimberly MacPhee; Franklin Regional Council of Governments
Nic Miller; Franklin Regional Council of Governments

6:08 PM Administrative Matters: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/26/2019, 5/28/2019, 6/25/2019 , 7/11/2019

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to approve the meeting minutes from March 26, 2019 as amended
Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to approve the meeting minutes from July 11, 2019 as amended
Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to table the approval of the meeting minutes from May 28, 2019 and June 25, 2019 until September 10, 2019 at 6 PM
Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

6:15 PM Request for Determination (RDA): 142 Mohawk Trail (Map 35-16) – soil excavation, storage tank removal & pavement repairs

The Commission will review a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) submitted by Synergy Environmental, Inc. c/o LGP Realty Holdings LP for the property located at 142 Mohawk Trail in Greenfield (Assessor’s Map 35-16) to



William F. Martin
Mayor

City of
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall • 14 Court Square • Greenfield, MA 01301
Phone 413-772-1548 ext 3 • Fax 413-772-1309
sarah.fortune@greenfield-ma.gov • www.greenfield-ma.gov

John Griffin, Chair
Rachel Lindsay, Vice Chair
Erika LaForme

Agent: Sarah Fortune

determine whether the proposed soil excavation, underground storage tank removal and pavement repairs are subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance. All disturbance associated with the proposed project is located within the 100-foot Buffer Zone and 25-foot No Disturb Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

John Griffin opened the public meeting and Chris Horan of Synergy Environmental was in attendance to present the project, reporting that the work involves 2 facility projects and 1 environmental project. The facility projects include sidewalk repair and the removal of trench drains at the entrance to the site which are degraded and non-function. The environmental project includes soil excavation and possible underground storage tank removal due to the presence of oil detected in monitoring wells on site. Any contaminated soil will be stockpiled, tested for contaminants and disposed of appropriately and according to all applicable regulations. Excavated soil must be taken off site within 120 days of excavation according to DEP policy. The entirety of the property is within the 100-foot buffer zone to bank of the stream on site. Erosion sediment controls will include straw wattles and filter inlet protection bags for the preexisting catch basins to prevent sedimentation of the drainage system.

John Griffin opened the meeting to public comment and no member of the public wished to comment on the proposed project.

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to close the public meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Synergy Environmental for 142 Mohawk Trail

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue a Negative Determination, Box 2 stating that the work described in the Request is not an area subject to protection under the Act or the Buffer Zone

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue a Negative Determination, Box 3 stating that the work described in 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 pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, subject to Special Conditions

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

No further discussion – 3-0-0 – 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 Erika LaForme to

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

6:15 PM Request for Determination (RDA): 42 Adams Road (Map R05-26) – sewer and water service upgrades

The Commission will review a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) submitted by the Greenfield Country Estates Coop, Inc. c/o Pat Tweed for the property located at 42 Adams Road in Greenfield (Assessor's Map R05-26) to determine whether the work to construct water and sewer services to individual trailers is subject to the MA Wetlands



William F. Martin
Mayor

City of
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall • 14 Court Square • Greenfield, MA 01301
Phone 413-772-1548 ext 3 • Fax 413-772-1309
sarah.fortune@greenfield-ma.gov • www.greenfield-ma.gov

John Griffin, Chair
Rachel Lindsay, Vice Chair
Erika LaForme

Agent: Sarah Fortune

Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance. All disturbance associated with the proposed project is located with the 100-foot Buffer Zone and 25-foot No Disturb Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

John Griffin opened the public meeting and Pat Tweed of Greenfield Country Estates Coop was in attendance to present the proposed project, stating that this work was permitted in 2016 but the work wasn't completed and the permit expired before he could request an extension from the GCC. The work in the closest proximity to wetlands has already been conducted but erosion-sediment controls in the form of a compost filter sock are proposed to provide protection to wetlands during construction. The water and sewer connections will be constructed one at a time and each trench will be immediately backfilled with loam and seeded to stabilize the area. Old water and sewer lines will be abandoned in place.

John Griffin opened the meeting to public comment and no member of the public wished to comment on the proposed project.

Motion made by John Griffin to close the public meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Synergy Environmental for Greenfield Country Estates Coop, Inc. at 42 Adams Road

Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay

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

Motion made by John Griffin to issue a Negative Determination, Box 2 stating that the work described in the Request is not an area subject to protection under the Act or the Buffer Zone

Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay

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

Motion made by John Griffin to issue a Negative Determination, Box 3 stating that the work described in 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 pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, subject to Special Conditions

Motion seconded Rachel Lindsay

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

Motion made by John Griffin 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 Rachel Lindsay

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

7:03 PM Administrative Matters: Approval of Documents

➤ **Certificate of Compliance (COC): DEP # 168-0322 – Greenfield Savings Bank ATM – drainage improvements**

The Agent performed the final site inspection with John Griffin and Erika LaForme on July 23, 2019 and found that the site was in substantial compliance with the Order of Conditions issued for the work.

Motion made by Erika LaForme to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance with ongoing Special Conditions for DEP # 168-0322 for drainage improvements at Greenfield Savings Bank ATM

Motion seconded by John Griffin

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



William F. Martin
Mayor

City of
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall • 14 Court Square • Greenfield, MA 01301
Phone 413-772-1548 ext 3 • Fax 413-772-1309
sarah.fortune@greenfield-ma.gov • www.greenfield-ma.gov

John Griffin, Chair
Rachel Lindsay, Vice Chair
Erika LaForme

Agent: Sarah Fortune

➤ **Certificate of Compliance (COC): DEP # 168-0332 – Life Skills, Inc. – slope failure mitigation**

The Agent performed the final site inspection with John Griffin and Erika LaForme on July 23, 2019 and found that the invasive species Japanese knotweed was growing on the site, and the project engineer confirmed that the knotweed seeds were likely brought in with the fill used for the project. Therefore, this is a violation of General Condition #7 of the Order of Conditions and the site is not in compliance with the permit.

Motion made by John Griffin deny the issuance of a complete Certificate of Compliance with ongoing Special Conditions for DEP # 168-0332 for Life Skills, Inc. slope failure mitigation at 57 Forgey Way

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

➤ **Certificate of Compliance (COC): DEP # 168-0313 – Greenfield Country Estates Coop, Inc. – water & sewer improvements**

The Agent performed the final site inspection with Erika LaForme on July 25, 2019 and found that the site was in substantial compliance with the Order of Conditions issued for the work.

Motion made by John Griffin to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance with ongoing Special Conditions for DEP # 168-0322 for drainage improvements at Greenfield Savings Bank ATM

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

➤ **Certificate of Compliance (COC): DEP # 168-0294 – ExxonMobil – stream bank restoration**

The Agent performed the final site inspection on August 13, 2019 and found that the site was in substantial compliance with the Order of Conditions issued for the work.

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to issue a Certificate of Compliance certifying that there was an invalid Order of Conditions because the work never commenced for DEP # 168-0294 for stream bank restoration at 142

Mohawk Trail

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

7:11 PM Enforcement Updates & Other Business

➤ **Enforcement updates:**

- **637 Colrain Road (Map R35-7) – unauthorized filling of wetlands**

The Agent spoke with MassDEP regarding the findings and information she has pertaining to this enforcement situation. MassDEP is going to investigate this issue.

- **127 Thayer Road Ext. (Map 42-6A) – removal of BVW**

The Agent reported that all of the BVW on site had been cut down, which is a violation of the Determination of Applicability issued to the property owner in 2017. The Agent will write a letter to the property owner requiring that she replant wetland



City of
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall • 14 Court Square • Greenfield, MA 01301
Phone 413-772-1548 ext 3 • Fax 413-772-1309
sarah.fortune@greenfield-ma.gov • www.greenfield-ma.gov

John Griffin, Chair
Rachel Lindsay, Vice Chair
Erika LaForme

William F. Martin
Mayor

Agent: Sarah Fortune

trees and shrubs and only maintain a one (1) foot swath of space between the vegetation and her fence.

7:18 PM Project Monitoring & Site Visit Scheduling

➤ **DEP # 168- 0333: 121 Thayer Road Ext. – drainage improvements**

The Agent reported that she conducted the pre-activity meeting on August 8, 2019 and approved the start of work for the drainage improvements.

➤ **Schedule site visit for Request for Extension: DEP # 168-0289 – Stoneleigh-Burnham School; 574 Bernardston Road**

The GCC instructed the Agent to schedule a site visit to inspect for permit compliance prior to the issuance of an extension of the Order of Conditions issued for the work. The Agent will inform the GCC when she has scheduled the inspection.

7:18 PM Public Inquiries: 25 Keegan Lane

Ted Johnson, President of the College Park Trust requested a site visit with the GCC. The site visit is scheduled to occur on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 5 PM.

7:18 PM Enforcement Updates & Other Business

➤ **FRCOG River Corridor Presentation**

Kimberly MacPhee of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and geologic consultant Nic Miller presented their work on review corridors to the GCC.

➤ **Discuss draft fee schedule**

The Agent requested that the GCC provide comments on the draft fee schedule via email to be discussed at the next meeting.

➤ **Discuss Agent resignation**

The Agent informed the GCC that she will be resigning her position with the City of Greenfield on Thursday, August 29, 2019.

➤ **Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 10th, 2019**

The next GCC meeting will occur on Tuesday, September 10th, 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 8:48 PM

Motion made by John Griffin to adjourn at 8:48 PM

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah A. Fortune
Conservation Agent

John Griffin,
Chair