GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 10, 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 6:03 PM with the following members:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Twarog, Greenfield Director of Planning and Development
Tony Wonseski, SVE Associates, Inc, 439 W River Rd, Brattleboro, VT 05301


Motion made by John Griffin to table the meeting minutes to the September 24, 2019 meeting of the Commission
Motion seconded by Fletcher Harrington
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

➢ Emergency Certification for Removal of a Beaver Dam at 562 Leyden Road

Director Twarog updated the Commission on the issuance of an Emergency Certification for the removal of a beaver dam at 562 Leyden Road. He handed out photos of the inundated area. He stated that he received an update from the landowner Joseph Sabella that the dam was breached successfully and that he has engaged a beaver specialist to install a device to prevent the beavers from reestablishing the dam at the culvert.

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to ratify the Emergency Certification for the removal of a beaver dam at 562 Leyden Road
Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

➢ Emergency Certification for Removal of a Beaver Dam on Cherry Rum Brook adjacent to Cherry Rum Plaza

Director Twarog updated the Commission on the issuance of an Emergency Certification for the removal of a beaver dam on Cherry Rum Brook adjacent to Cherry Rum Plaza. He handed out photos of the inundated area. He stated that the intent of the DPW is to breach the dam more than once if necessary in the 30-day permit period so that the beavers may not have to be trapped and euthanized.
Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to ratify the Emergency Certification for the removal of a beaver dam on Cherry Rum Brook at Cherry Rum Plaza
Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

6:23 PM  Administrative Matters: Approval of Documents

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

Mr. Tony Woneski handed out copies of Field Report # 3 – Verify the presence and removal of invasive plant species (Japanese Knotweed). The Commission members reviewed the report.

Motion made by John Griffin to approve 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 Fletcher Harrington
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

6:35 PM  Enforcement Updates & Other Business

Surplus Property Disposition: Old Country Road/Cumberland Road (Assessor’s Map R41, Lot 9A)

Director Twarog reviewed the request by Eric Fahey to purchase a portion of Parcel R41-9A in order to gain practical access to his property.

Motion made by Rachel Lindsay to forward a positive recommendation to the City Council on the potential sale of a portion of Parcel R41-9A
Motion seconded by Erika LaForme
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

Enforcement updates:

- 637 Colrain Road (Map R35-7) – unauthorized filling of wetlands
  No update at this time.
- 127 Thayer Road Ext. (Map 42-6A) – removal of BVW
  No update at this time.

6:43 PM  Project Monitoring & Site Visit Scheduling

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

The GCC previously 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. Due to the former Agent’s resignation, the inspection was never scheduled. John Griffin stated that he will contact the appropriate parties to schedule the inspection.

Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019
The next GCC meeting will occur on Tuesday, September 24, 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 6:46 PM
Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Twarog, AICP
Acting Conservation Agent

John Griffin, Chair