

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION Minutes of February 24, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Police Station
321 High Street

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair; Tim Mosher, Vice-chair; Tom DeHoyos
ABSENT: Dee Letourneau
Also present: Ralph Kunkel, Conservation Agent

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 3-0 to accept the meeting minutes of February 10, 2009 as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

Other Business:

7:25 p.m. Kunkel updated the Commission on the status of the DPW's requested Emergency Certification for the bank stabilization near the Pumping Station. Kunkel reported that an Engineer from the ACOE and a representative from DEP would be at the Pumping Station with Alan Twarog Monday March 2, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Kunkel said he would be in attendance. Haro and DeHoyos stated that they would try to attend. Mosher said he would be unable to attend.

7:35 p.m. Haro stated that due to the lack of other business this might be a good time to talk about a procedure for reviewing the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance. The Commission members decided to use the most recent MACC by-law/ordinance model as a guide to what may be missing or may need to be reviewed in Greenfield's Ordinance. DeHoyos pointed out that there is nothing in the Greenfield Ordinance regarding Vernal Pools and that since Greenfield has had a pool certified and that there are more certifications pending, this is the sort of thing that needs to be addressed. Another item that was discussed as an area of concern was modification of the filing requirements with the recent development of electronic filing by many applicants.

The Commissioners agreed to review each section of the MACC model and compare the Greenfield Ordinance with the bylaw/ordinance of benchmark towns. As a result of their research the Commission members agreed that they would prepare comments for discussion at a future meeting. The MACC model was divided among the Commission Members and the Conservation Agent as follows:

Definitions – DeHoyos	Policies and Denials - Haro	Relation to Act –Letourneau
Jurisdiction – DeHoyos	Notice and Hearings – Kunkel	Security - Letourneau
Permits and Conditions – DeHoyos	Regulations – Kunkel	Coordination w/other boards – Mosher
Burden of Proof – Haro	Severability – Kunkel	Enforcement - Mosher
Exemptions and Exceptions – Haro	Applications and Fees – Letourneau	Purpose – Mosher

DeHoyos asked Kunkel to inquire about an Identification Card or badge for Commission Members.

Correspondence: Kunkel stated that the Mackin Construction Company had applied to the state for an extension on the clean-up of Fuel Impacted areas and that the letter for request is on file in the Documents Repository at the Greenfield Public Library.

Haro presented a letter dated February 10, 2009 from Hospice of Franklin County thanking the Commission for their donation to honor Charlie Koch's memory.

Enforcement Orders: None

Site Visits: None

Next Meeting: Greenfield Middle School Auditorium, March 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair