

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of November 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Police Station
321 High Street

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alex Haro at 7:09 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair; Tim Mosher, Vice-chair; Dee Letourneau; Tom DeHoyos; Richard Starkey

ABSENT: None

Also present: Mayor William Martin; Ted Watt; and Ralph Kunkel, Conservation Agent,

Approval of Minutes: October 27, 2009

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 4-0 (Starkey abstained) to accept the minutes of October 27, 2009 as submitted.

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

Other Business: APR on Town Farm

Haro gave a brief review of what had transpired at the previous meeting. Mayor Martin represented the Town of Greenfield. Mayor Martin asked Ted Watt, of *Just Roots*, to address his interests in the property. Watt did so.

Mayor Martin stated that the concept was to liquefy some Town assets converting those assets to cash; that by selling the developmental rights, the Town would still maintain ownership. Mayor Martin explained that the value of the land was determined by the frontage and the value of the agricultural farm land. Mayor Martin said that the Town's intent was to do an RFP and then lease the land to an amenable group. Mayor Martin went on to say that the use of the money from the APR would be dedicated to repair of the barn and to the construction of a new building on Wells St. for storage of Town items currently stored in the barn.. The Mayor said the Town's intent was also to develop an educational classroom for use by the schools in the area.

Starkey said one reason for approving the APR was that the Hastings property, an abutter, has an APR and that it would make a block of continuous land under protection. Starkey said that the nature of the soils would determine the amount at which the land would be appraised.

Mayor Martin said that the Town had spoken with Rick Chandler of DAR who would do the appraisal.

Haro asked what would happen if no bids were received on the RFP. Mayor Martin said that the Town would continue to lease the land to current renters.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Starkey, and voted 4-0 (Mosher abstained) to endorse the APR application on the Town Farm.

Haro asked Kunkel to draft the Commission's endorsement for "Enclosure E".

The Commission continued with their review of the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance. Mosher presented a suggestion for revision of the wording on Part I: Purpose; this was based on a review of the MACC model and the "Purpose" as stated in Benchmark Town By-laws and Ordinances. There was a discussion.

Haro gave a report on Mark Stinson's workshop on "Forms and Permits."

Starkey gave a report on a workshop that he had attended.

Project Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates:

Site Visits: Combined site visit for the RDA and NOI from Pioneer Renewable Energy, LLC for installation of the Reclaimed Water Main. Scheduled for Saturday November 14, 2009 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Site visit to Mackin Property to see the post clean-up state of Wetland # 4, immediately following the site visit for Pioneer Renewable Energy.
Site visit for the Request for Certificate of Compliance of the Greenfield Corporate Center scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Monday November 16, 2009.

Set Next Meeting Date: Greenfield Police Station, November 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair