

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION Minutes of February 23, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Police Station
321 High Street

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members:

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

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2010 tabled until the Meeting of March 9, 2010.

Public Meetings/Hearings: None

Other Business:

Becky George, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce was present to request the use of Wedgewood Gardens for satellite parking for the Green River Festival to be held July 17 and 18, 2010. George stated that it would be held Saturday and Sunday this year instead of Friday and Saturday as in previous years.

Haro and Letourneau reviewed the site visit by the Commissioners after last year's usage of the area. Haro and Letourneau agreed that there had been no problems.

MOTION: Moved by Starkey, seconded by Letourneau and voted 3-0, to allow the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to use Wedgewood Gardens for satellite parking for the Green River Festival with restrictions as specified in the Determination issued last year.

Kunkel read into the record a letter from Alan Twarog of DPW dated February 17, 2010. The letter was in reference to the Commission's request that someone from DPW come before the Commission to discuss the frequency of the issuance of Emergency Certifications for Beaver Dams along Cherry Rum Brook. Letourneau said that the letter addressed the concerns of the DPW but not those of the Commission; that while the Beaver Deceiver would not be a viable option for the DPW, there may be other options to prevent removal of the beavers and to allow the dams to remain in place. Haro said he would like someone from the DPW to come before the Commission to discuss options that might be available. Letourneau and Starkey agreed with Haro. It was the consensus of the Commissioners present to have the DPW come before the commission for a discussion.

APR – Martin Farm. As there was not a full Commission present and Mr. Martin was not present, Haro tabled the discussion until the March 9, 2010 meeting of the Commission.

Kunkel reported an anonymous complaint received about the cutting of trees around Maynard Pond on the property of Matthew Bete. Haro said he would accompany Kunkel on a site visit.

Correspondence: None

Enforcement Orders: None

Site Visits: None

Next Meeting: Greenfield Police Station Meeting Room, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Starkey, and voted 3–0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair