

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of June 8, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Police Station
321 High Street

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members:

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

ABSENT: Richard Starkey

Also present: Ralph Kunkel, Conservation Agent and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2010.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 3-0 (Mosher abstained) to approve the minutes of May 25, 2010 as submitted.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:00 p.m. Whitney Russell for property located at the Meadowview Manor Condominium Association (Assessors Map R37 Lot 3B) to determine if the work depicted on the plans is subject to the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Whitney Russell was present. Haro reviewed the information presented at the previous meeting. Mosher said he had been to the site. Haro asked for the method that would be used to remove the tree. Russell said the tree would be removed in sections with a "cherry-picker" to limit impacts to the bed area of the stream. Haro asked how the applicant planned to mitigate any damage to the resource area. Russell said that upon completion of the removal, the area would be regraded by hand.

Mosher asked if the stump would be removed. Russell said no.

DeHoyos asked if there was any consideration of using a crane. Russell said if they were required to they would use a crane.

Haro asked what type of tree would be planted in its place. Discussion followed and it was decided that for screening purposes and for esthetics Swamp Azaleas would be planted.

Mosher suggested specifying a specific number of Swamp Azaleas.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 4-0 to issue a Negative Determination 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 or the Ordinance. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent subject to the following conditions:

1. No machinery shall be allowed within the 25 foot buffer zone to the Resource Area.
2. A crane should be used in the removal of the tree. This is the preferred option. However, if the use of a crane should impose a financial burden, then a cherry-picker may be used.
3. The Conservation Commission shall be notified at least three (3) days prior to commencement of work so the agent can conduct a preliminary inspection.

4. **A minimum of two [but not to exceed six] Swamp Azaleas are recommended for replacement: of the tree removed.**
5. **Upon completion of the removal, any mitigation shall be done with hand tools.**
6. **The contractor shall be provided a copy of this Determination, and the Conservation Commission shall be notified of the name, address, phone number, and the contact person of the contractor.**

Other Business: Kunkel reported that he and Bill Griswold had gone out to the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area and found there were a lot of trees down making most of the trails impassable. Kunkel said there were a number of large trees that may be marketed for lumber but that would be for Lincoln Fish to decide. Kunkel said Griswold will contact Bob Cook's company and that Fish said he would be up to check out what needs to be done.

Kunkel reported that Griswold would like to contact Irmari Jones to find out through her column if any of the former scouts who built the Boy Scout Bridge would come forward in order to find out who built it and have a sign made. The members of the Commission approved this plan.

Kunkel reminded the Commission Members that the first July meeting July 11, 2010 would be the annual reorganizational meeting.

Haro reviewed the site visit for the Bike Races.

The Commission continued their review of the Ordinance focusing on the section Jurisdiction.

Letourneau announced that she and her husband would be coming before commission at the next meeting for a minor change in the location of the septic system in the approved plans for their Order of Conditions.

Monitoring:

Kunkel said he had left a phone message and sent an e-mail to Christopher Horan, the Senior Project Manager, for the Mobile Station, but had received no reply.

Kunkel reported that Leyden Woods would probably be coming before the Commission with revised plans.

Correspondence:

Enforcement Orders:

Site Visits:

Next Meeting: Greenfield Police Station Meeting Room, June 22, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair