

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of December 28, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Planning Department
114 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Dee Letourneau at 7:03 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Dee Letourneau; Tom DeHoyos; Steve Walk
ABSENT: Alex Haro, Chair; Tim Mosher, Vice-chair
Also present: Ralph Kunkel, Conservation Agent and members of the Public.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2010.

MOTION: Moved by Walk, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010 as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings: 7:05 p.m. Pam Am Railways, Inc. – Public Meeting to review a Request for Determination of Applicability for property located along Pam Am, Inc. Rights of Way to verify wetlands areas for herbicide application. Continued from December 14, 2010.

There was not a representative from Pam Am Railways present. Kunkel distributed an e-mail correspondence from Keith Morris; this included a statement that a map would be provided at the time of spraying and a summary of the Spraying Methodology from the Yearly Operating Plan. Letourneau reviewed the concerns of the Commission and questioned Morris's response. The consensus of the Commission was that a condition would be included asking for a map showing the zones requested: NO SPRAY, LIMITED SPRAY and SPRAY zones.

There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Moved by Walk, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 3-0 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. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Boiler Plate Conditions for a Determination**
- 2. Prior to application of Herbicide the applicant shall provide the Conservation Commission with a map showing areas designated as Spray, No Spray and as requested by the Commission areas of Limited Spray.**

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Walk, and voted 3-0 that Wetland markers indicating boundaries were accurately depicted on the maps provided by the Applicant.

7:30 p.m. Gas Development, LLC – Public Hearing to review a Notice of Intent for property located at 488 Bernardston Road (Assessors Map 122 lot 15) for demolition of the existing gas station and construction of a five pump fuel facility and amenities. Continued from December 14, 2010.

Present on behalf of the Applicant were Kristin Kent, Wetlands Scientist of VHB, Conor Nagle, Project Engineer for VHB, and David Singer, Attorney.

Nagle stated that he had submitted responses to DPW's comments. Walk asked how the Canopy drains would be routed. Nagle reviewed the plan stating that they had planned to route them to the Stormceptors. Walk stated he disagreed with the idea that the water from the canopy should be considered clean as it would be acidic. Nagle responded that according to regulations the water would be considered clean because there would be no particles in it. Walk said if the Stormceptor could handle the canopy runoff, he would like the runoff to be channeled to the Stormceptor. Nagle said the Stormceptor could handle the runoff from the canopy, but to route that runoff through the Bio-retention area would put undue pressure on the Bio-retention area decreasing its potential to treat the water for which it was designed.

Letourneau asked for clarification about Standard 3. Nagle responded that Gas stations are not allowed recharge because they are required to have impervious paving.

There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Walk, and voted 3-0 to approve the Notice of Intent for Gas Development, LLC, DEP File # 168-0280, as submitted and issue an Order of Conditions with the following Special Conditions:

1. Boiler Plate Conditions for an Order of Conditions

7:40 p.m. Lincoln Fish – Public Hearing to review a Notice of Intent for the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area located on Lampblack Road (Assessors Map R10 Lot 16) to install two culverts. Continued from December 14, 2010.

Kunkel said that Fish was unable to attend the meeting and that the Notice of Intent would most likely be withdrawn or amended.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Walk, and voted 3-0 to continue the Public Hearing for Lincoln Fish until 7:00 p.m. January 11, 2011 to be held at the Greenfield Planning Department Meeting Room.

Other Business: Letourneau mentioned that she was concerned about a patch of crumbling pavement adjacent to the stream at the Big Y Plaza.

Monitoring:

Correspondence:

Enforcement Updates: Kunkel updated the Commission on slash that had been disposed of in an intermittent stream at 75 Old Albany Road by James Ewart.

Site Visits:

Next Meeting: January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., Greenfield Planning Department, 114 Main Street.

Adjournment: **MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Walk, and voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Dee Letourneau
Acting Chair