

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of January 31, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m. Greenfield Planning Department**  
**114 Main Street**

The meeting was called to order by chair, Alex Haro at 7:02p.m. with the following members:

**PRESENT:** Alex Haro, Chair  
Timothy Mosher, Vice-Chair  
Dee Letourneau  
Steve Walk  
Thomas DeHoyos

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Laura DiNardo, Conservation Agent and members of the Public.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 27, 2011 and January 10, 2012.

DeHoyos and Mosher were absent from the December 27, 2011 meeting, Walk and DeHoyos were absent from the January 10, 2012 meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Walk, and voted 3-0, with two (2) abstentions, to approve the minutes from December 27, 2011.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 3-0, with two (2) abstentions, to approve the minutes from January 10, 2012.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:00 p.m. Kathleen and Christopher Sadler - Public Hearing to review a Request for Determination of Applicability for property located at 85 Shelburne (Map 61, Parcel 15), for the reconstruction of the house and associated foundation on existing footprint.

Kathleen and Christopher Sadler, Homeowners  
Bob Decker, Applicant's father/representative

Decker explained the history of the project. Home was condemned due to flooding (Hurricane Irene). Foundation was destroyed. They are currently working with Mowry and Schmitt to receive flood insurance money to repair damage. They plan to raise the home thirty (30) inches on existing footprint. They will repair the home and foundation as needed and suggested by insurance company. Structural engineer will be present on site.

DiNardo presented pictures from site visit (1-20-12) and explained site.

Commission verified that they would not be expanding existing footprint. Decker stated that the Notice of Intent Process, which would be needed if the footprint was expanded, would be too costly and lengthy.

Mosher asked when the home was built; Decker stated around 1830s.

Haro asked if the rock foundation would be replaced with concrete; Decker stated it would be eight (8) inches of poured concrete, maybe ten (10) inches.

Haro expressed concerns that the applicant would need to submit a written plan explaining exactly what the work entails.

Mosher stated that the applicant needed a scope of work/plan of action. DeHoyos asked the applicant if they were waiting to do work until they received the insurance money, if so, they have some time to discuss options.

Letourneau expressed concern about the temporary DEP Hurricane Irene regulations. Applicant was unaware of the procedures until too late.

Walk stated that whether the applicant rebuilt the existing home or built a new home the same area would be disturbed. Either way, the Commission would need a narrative with description of plans, erosion control, emergency procedures, etc.

Haro confirmed that a physical plan/narrative would be needed before the Commission made a final decision.

Letourneau expressed concern about a possible Notice of Intent. Walk stated that this is a previously disturbed site and that the work is on the same footprint. DeHoyos asked they need to submit an NOI if the house is re-built, Walk verified RDA would still be reasonable, the Commission is only concerned about that no equipment, sediment, oils, etc get into the wetland area.

Decker mentioned possible Perimeter drains around basement; have pump sump now.

Haro verified that stone foundation sticks out ~1.5 feet from the home, which is included in footprint. Haro suggested a cross section of the new foundation.

The Commission expressed concern about gas leak from equipment. Mowry and Schmidt should be able to help applicant develop a plan.

Letourneau confirmed with Commission that at this point a NOI would not be necessary but the Commission needs a better description of plans. Decker will try to get this information to the Commission for review before next meeting.

Sump pump vs. perimeter drain would be up to engineer/professional.

Decker stated they can't store anything in basement (oil, water tank, etc) but structurally the basement is a good idea.

Decker confirmed that before the next meeting a plan/narrative should be submitted including:

- silt fence/erosion controls
- cross-section of new foundation
- staging area of equipment
- excavation limits
- limits of work
- storage of equipment should not damage wetland (gas leak, dumping, etc.)

Decker requests to be on next meeting.

Commission discussed the possibility of a special meeting. DiNardo and Decker will be in touch.

**MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Walk, and voted 5-0 to continue hearing until the next Conservation Commission meeting.**

Other Business:

a. Town of Greenfield Wetland Protection Ordinance (Chapter 195) – Continued discussion and review.

Haro reviewed tasks. Tom is on 'Jurisdiction', DiNardo gave DeHoyos a copy of his section. Letourneau is working on the 'Regulations' section. DiNardo is working on 'Application and Fees'. DeHoyos will work on his next section, 'Definitions'. Mosher is on 'Coordination with Other Boards' and will have it ready for next meeting.

Commission will continue discussion at next regularly scheduled meeting.

b. Town of Greenfield Open Space and Recreation Plan update – discussion and input.

Haro updated the Commission that he went to the last Open Space Committee meeting. The goal for completing the plan is April 1, 2012.

DiNardo discussed changes to the 'Goals' section of the Open Space. Commission agreed with changes.

Commission can review the final draft plan before the final plan is submitted to the state..

Correspondence:

DiNardo gave the Commission members a Request for Determination of Applicability for 25 Keegan Road. DiNardo will contact the applicant about possible restoration and detailed plan of work. No site visit required.

The Commission discussed the next meeting date and the possibility of a special meeting.

DiNardo updated the Commission on two upcoming events, the MACC Conference (Holy Cross, Worcester MA, 3-3-12) and a weekend course at the Harvard Forest.

Discuss possible site visit with the DPW regarding GCC rotary delineation. Tuesday, February 7 @ 4PM could work for the Commission.

DiNardo updated the Commission that Eric, Director of Planning, Christy, Recreation Department, and a representative from the Department of Fishing and Boating met with the state regarding a possible canoe launch.

Haro spoke with the Commission about the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area and trail maintenance. Haro walked the site, DiNardo will walk complete site with him, hopefully within a few weeks.

Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates:

Site Visits: Commission would be available Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM at the proposed GCC rotary with the DPW. DiNardo will discuss with Sara Campbell.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2012 @ 7:00PM – Department of Planning and Development Meeting Room

Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by Walk, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura DiNardo  
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro  
Chair