

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of March 13, 2012
7:00 p.m. Greenfield Planning Department
114 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by chair, Alex Haro at 7:00p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair
Timothy Mosher, Vice-Chair
Dee Letourneau
Steve Walk
ABSENT: Thomas DeHoyos
ALSO PRESENT: Laura DiNardo, Conservation Agent.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2012.

Walk and DeHoyos were absent during the February 14, 2012 meeting.

Haro corrected two errors: Changed 'Alex' to 'Haro' on page 2, changed 'applicant' to 'application' on page 3.
Mosher corrected one error: Changed 'Alex' to 'Haro' on page 4.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 3-0, with one abstention, to approve the minutes from February 14, 2012 with corrections.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

None

Other Business:

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

Letourneau circulated information for the 'Regulations' section that included the MACC guideline, the City of Gardner Ordinance, and her ideas. The Commission discussed the purpose/goals of this section. The Commission made edits to the section and will use this in the final draft when submitted to Town Counsel for approval.

DiNardo circulated information for the 'Application and Fees' section, which was started by Ralph Kunkel (former agent). The Commission read the section and made edits. DiNardo suggested that the RDA would now have a fee (fee schedule would be added to 'Rule and Regulations'). Commission discussed the possibility of different fee schedules. Commission discussed whether all applications should have an associated town ordinance fee and what they could/should be. DiNardo will write-up a few different fee schedules for the Commission to review at next meeting before any final decisions are made. Commission discussed how to improve current organization; what should the Commission's role be in tracking issued Order of Conditions. How can we make sure people are recording their Orders, how can we make sure people request extensions on time, how can we make sure people request Compliance on time. DiNardo will

work on an excel sheet to prompt Commission/Agent on what has been done and needs to be done for each file.

Mosher circulated information for the 'Coordination with Other Boards' section prior to meeting. The write-up was based on previous discussion with Commission and reviewing other town Ordinances/Bylaws. The Commission discussed submission requirements and notification/communication with other relevant Boards. Commission made edits to the section. Mosher will put together a final draft based on Commission's edit and suggestions and this will submit to Town Counsel to approval.

Haro will send DiNardo via email his final draft of 'Exemptions and Exceptions' section.

DiNardo will put all sections together in one document when they are finalized.

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

DiNardo circulated the 'Section 5 – Inventory of Lands' Conservation Commission managed land write-ups prior to the meeting. Haro reviewed and made changes prior to meeting and distribution. The Commission had no comments or corrections on the updated write-ups. DiNardo notified them that there would still be time to edit at a later date.

Correspondence:

DiNardo distributed an RDA submitted by Enterprise Car Rental on River Street. Commission will visit site or drive by on their own time, no formal site visit requested.

DiNardo read a letter from Ted Johnson, College Park Condos, regarding a RDA approved on February 14, 2012. They are unable to access the tree to be removed as proposed. The Commission accepted the applicants new proposal as stated "The whole operation will be done via a crane from the Parking lot next to the pool , the tree will be remover piece by piece upward and over to the parking lot where it will be chipped and removed."

DiNardo circulated a letter/map submitted by VHB for work at 488 Bernardston Road (Stop and Shop Gas facility). They are conducting exploratory borings and installing monitor wells within the buffer zone. Work is an exempt minor activity per the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates:

Site Visits:

Next Meeting: March 27, 2012 @ 7:00PM – Department of Planning and Development Meeting Room

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, and voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura DiNardo
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair