

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of March 27, 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
Steve Walk

ABSENT: Thomas DeHoyos
Dee Letourneau

ALSO PRESENT: Laura DiNardo, Conservation Agent.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2012.

DeHoyos was absent during the March 13, 2012 meeting.

Haro corrected one error: wording on page one, second to last sentence.

MOTION: Moved by Walk, seconded by Mosher, and voted 3-0 to approve the minutes from March 13, 2012 with Haro's correction.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:00 p.m. Kevin Kolstad - Public Hearing to review a Request for Determination of Applicability for property located at 136 River Street (Map 34, Parcel 37), for the re-grading of existing pavement to improve site drainage.

Kevin Kolstad, Enterprise Holdings, Operations Manager for 21 years.

Kolstad stated two parts of proposed work (1). Pooling of water in front of building is creating hazard; would like to re-grade. They would like to re-grade so water flows into the existing retention area/swale. (2). they would like ability to bucket wash cars on site; would need a new drain in bay/water-separator tied into existing sewer line.

Haro asked if they would be washing cars by hand. Kolstad stated that it would be with bucket, as you would do at home.

Walk expressed concern about the Town of Greenfield allowing them to tie into sewer line. Kolstad stated he would be working directly with the DPW and would be surprised if it was not allowed; DPW might have certain conditions/restrictions.

Haro asked how many cars would be washed per day. Kolstad stated around 5-20. Haro expressed concern about what kind of soap they will use; DPW might have standards because the water eventually runs back into the River.

Kolstad displayed the proposed site plan; initial plans (2004) included a separator with sewer tie in. Mosher expressed concern about the sewer line replacement under Green River. The line will be installed under the River, probably a few feet further down to prevent damage. Kolstad explained where the grading would take place; currently the grade leads water into a quality basin but they would like to re-pitch to retention area. Commission expressed concern about a site visit; they would like to look at existing conditions. Kolstad stated they still needed a site visit for the Compliance. Mosher expressed concern about an O&M plan for separator, should be information in spec sheet.

Kolstad confirmed that there would be no increase in impervious surface and there would be no additional landscaping. Commission required a site visit before any final suggestions to find a workable solution.

Walk expressed concern about the Candlelight Inn sign to be removed. Kolstad stated there is a meter on the sign and the electric company will not allow them to remove. They have no contact with landowner and are not sure who pays the bills. Eric is helping applicant contact owner.

DiNardo presented the Commission with the DPW's approved plan to replace the sewer line under the River.

Confirmed site visit – Tuesday, April 10th at 6:00 PM.

MOTION: Moved by Walk, seconded by Mosher, and voted 3-0 to continue hearing until next meeting, April 10, 2012.

Other Business:

- a. Request for Certificate of Compliance – Enterprise Car Rental, 136 River Street (DEP #168-0231).

Applicant was unable to receive a written statement from engineer; continued until next meeting after the April 10th site visit. Work pertained to new pavement, water quality basin, and sign removal.

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

Walk presented the 'Permits and Conditions' section. Walk distributed the MACC model with comments/edits. Walk reviewed our current Ordinance and surrounding town Ordinances. MACC model seemed the most complete. Commission briefly discussed 'Vernal Pools' and 'Appeals' section. Walk will create a re-formatted document with track changes and the Commission will continue discussion at next meeting.

DiNardo distributed the 'Ordinance Fees' section and briefly discussed options. They will continue at next hearing and DiNardo will research other Towns.

Correspondence:

DiNardo announced the OSRP Public Meeting time, April 9, 2012 @ 6:30 PM, Department of Planning and Development Meeting Room. DiNardo will circulate the current draft via 'dropbox'.

Commission discussed Mr. Kalinowski's property and potential site improvement.

Commission discussed management of the Griswold property; will speak with Lincoln Fish about the site clean-up. Commission discussed a new/updated kiosk. The map is out of date. Walk recommended contacting the Franklin County Technical School; DiNardo will contact the wood shop. Haro will speak with Lincoln Fish about receiving the PDF of the updated map/brochure. The Commission discussed

updating the map on the Recreation website and adding the map to the Conservation website.

DiNardo asked Mosher if he received further complaints about the cloudiness of the Green River. The Commission discussed the new dam. Change in water could be due to increase in minerals and from effects of Hurricane Irene. Haro discussed the proposed willow planting to stabilize bank for Dam construction project. There have been success stories and he feels comfortable will these plantings.

Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates:

Site Visits: April 10, 2012 @ 6:00PM – Enterprise Car Rental, 136 River Street w/ Kevin Kolstad.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2012 @ 7:00PM – Department of Planning and Development Meeting Room

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Walk, seconded by Mosher, and voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura DiNardo
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair