

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of July 24, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m. Greenfield Planning Department**  
**114 Main Street**

The meeting was called to order by chair, Alex Haro at 7:05p.m. with the following members:

- PRESENT:** Alex Haro, Chair  
Timothy Mosher, Vice-Chair  
Dee Letourneau  
Thomas DeHoyos
- ABSENT:** None
- ALSO PRESENT:** Laura DiNardo, Conservation Agent, and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2012.

DeHoyos was absent.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 3-0, with one abstention, to approve the minutes from July 10, 2012.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

Other Business:

- a. Anthony Wonseski representing Robert Penfield, Country Club Road LLC. – Extension request for DEP File No. 168-0232 for work on Silver Street (Map R23/111, Parcel 65, 66/44). Order of Conditions issued August 30, 2006.

Tony Wonseski representing

DiNardo and Penfield met for a site visit on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. DiNardo reviewed the visit; went to back portion of development/cul-de-sac. Sewer service installed with path and catch basin.

Wonseski updated that the first layer of road concrete is complete. They will do second layer once all homes are built. Sewer access will be completed/touched up at that time. Road and storm drain system is private (condo association). The east side (Riverfront Resource - disturbed less than 5,000 sq ft) is complete. They still have three empty lots on the northwest corner (where site visit was focused) those will be the last three lots. The northwest lots are very short. Most homes are single floor ranches, the last three are going to be two story units. They probably haven't been bought because they are two stories, people prefer the one-story. Due to financially difficult times, people are probably unable to sell their homes and move. Wonseski stated that stockpiled soil was moved, spread out through the site. Grass growth and weed growth have caused less chances of erosion; site is well stabilized. Wonseski lives in development, as an owner believes the development is well maintenance.

Haro asked if there were any alterations to the original plans. Wonseski stated no, not at this time. If things do change the Commission will be notified. They just need more time to complete project.

DeHoyos asked about the 11-15 trees that were to be removed per Penfield's request.

Wonseski stated that was on the east side and they were removed. There was a thunder burst that damaged trees and they were removed for safety reasons. The homeowners had to use the secondary access at that time. Trees were in the resource area.

Haro mentioned that trees were planted in the northeast corner of property. Commission should visit the site to make sure trees are well stabilized. The Commission still has full jurisdiction over the original order/development until property owner receives Compliance.

Haro mentioned the silt fence, it is decaying. Wonseski stated that it is old and falling, the site is stabilized it does not need to be there. DiNardo did not remember any silt fence during the visit.

Letourneau asked about the stockpiles, where are they now. Wonseski pointed them out on the map, there are approximately three piles.

Wonseski stated that they will put up new silt fence before they commence; everything else is stabilized and the silt fence should be removed. Haro agrees fencing should be removed. DiNardo stated that as she understood all fencing was removed except behind the proposed two-story lots. The Commission confirmed you could see old silt fence from Silver Street.

**MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, and voted 4-0 to issue a three year extension for DEP File No. 168-0232. The old silt fence shall be removed and a new silt fence shall be installed prior to the commencement of new construction. New buildings will be stacked and approved by the Commission and/or it's Agent prior to the commencement of work.**

- b. Anthony Wonseski representing F.W. Webb, Silvio O Conte Drive – Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP File No. 168-0260.

Tony Wonseski representing

Haro, DiNardo, and Wonseski met onsite on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

Haro updated a site visit was conducted around one-year ago. DiNardo passed out photos from Friday's site visit. Straw matting was used for additional stabilization.

Wonseski stated that it is not 100% vegetated but it looks pretty good. They had a lot of rain last season and drought this season so it has been difficult. The matting is still down; FW Webb would like to remove the bales/silt fence. Mosher visited the site and was satisfied. Haro stated that they seemed to contain a lot of run-off even with heavy rains.

Haro mentioned the detention basins. Wonseski stated that they needed to raise the basins to adapt to the soils; they actually created wetlands because it is not draining as intended. This was described in the drainage reports. They will weedwack as necessary, probably twice a year. Exterior slopes will be higher grass, cut a few times a year, other grass maintained as lawn.

Haro mentioned the silt fence could probably be removed. DiNardo stated that prior erosion problems seemed to be resolved/stabilized.

**MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 4-0 to issue a complete Certificate of**

**Compliance to property owner/applicant for DEP File No. 168-0260. Silt fence shall be removed upon issuance.**

- c. Peter LaBarbera representing Leonard Weeks, 312 Adams Road – response to enforcement order.

Peter LaBarbera representing (Lenny Weeks joined towards end of discussion)

DiNardo, Haro, Lenny Weeks, Peter LaBarbera, and Letourneau conducted site visit on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

DiNardo, Haro, and Peter LaBarbera conducted a follow-up site visit on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

Violation included dredging and stockpiling of dredged spoils on bank/BVW. LaBarbera conducted site work/test pits and discovered no dredged spoils deposited within the last 5-6 years. Wetland boundaries were marked around the perimeter of the pond and looked accurate. There was no evident remaining dredge spoils, most trucked off-site. The dam issue is still there, dam is still broken. Bank is vegetated around the whole pond.

DiNardo circulated pictures from Wednesday's site visit. Functionality of the pond was discussed, sediment coming in from road. Homeowner discussed this with the DPW. It is a separate issue and is in the DPW's hands.

Applicant will submit a Notice of Intent in near future for dam work, etc.

DiNardo stated that at this time the Commission does not have photos of the site from around 2006-2007.

**MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, and voted 4-0 to clear the enforcement order at 312 Adams Road pertaining to the dredging of Leonard and Susan Week's pond and the storing/dumping of spoils on bank/bordering vegetated wetlands. The violation has been remediated as deemed necessary by the Commission.**

- d. Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) – application form for Unaitis Farm.

DiNardo re-capped our discussion with Jen Smith. Homeowner does not have an appraisal and has not made a definite decision. They are just looking for the two-page application form and a letter of support. Right now, the contribution price is TBD. The Commission verified that \$200.00 is a reasonable contribution. DiNardo read a summary of the drafted letter of support.

Mosher expressed concern about the APR; he does not support the donation or the letter.

**MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 3-1, Mosher opposed, to send a letter of support regarding the adoption of an APR at Unaitis Farm. The Commission will be willing to donate \$200.00.**

- e. Trail Maintenance at the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area.

We received a quote from Bob Cook for \$1500.00. DiNardo contacted the office because the quote seemed high. DiNardo invited Cook to meet Commission or DiNardo on-site to assess work. Cook thought we need to remove blow downs from trail. DiNardo notified Cook that the blow downs were already removed. We are waiting for an updated quote.

DeHoyos suggested the DPW. DeHoyos will have a friend contact DiNardo with a quote. The Commission will compare quotes/suggestions from DPW, DeHoyos' friend, Jail, and Bob Cook (if quote can be lowered).

Ed Parks property, field edge, and parking area are the most important areas.

DiNardo asked the Commission if they would consider using Bob Cook if the quote was lowered. DeHoyos stated we should wait for other quotes.

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

Mosher reviewed the minutes from July 10<sup>th</sup> (page 5) and stated that his section/edits were accurate and that once those were changed the section would be ready for approval.

- g. Annual reorganization.

**MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 3-0, with one abstention, for Alex Haro to be Chair of the Conservation Commission.**

**MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 3-0, with one abstention, for Timothy Mosher to be Vice-Chair of the Conservation Commission.**

**MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, and voted 3-0, with one abstention, for Thomas DeHoyos to be security of the Conservation Commission.**

Haro encouraged Commission to recruit new members; Steve Walk is still an alternate. The Mayor needs to approve new members. Someone with experience/who is willing to learn would be ideal.

Correspondence:

Dee will be absent last meeting in August (August 28<sup>th</sup>)

Haro mentioned bridge construction on Route 2. The Commission discussed whether that was Greenfield, Gill, or Montague. The Commission verified that the work is being conducted in Greenfield. Haro mentioned it might be exempt, concerned that they did not notify the Commission. DiNardo will follow-up with DOT and possibly DEP.

Haro mentioned the plantings at the rotary, was there a specific planting date. DiNardo will look at past email to verify date. Haro is concerned about the drought.

Letourneau mentioned the bike path being really overgrown. Mosher stated that the DPW mowed it within the last week.

Haro asked about the Green River Festival over flow parking. DeHoyos said that is went smoothly.

Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates:

Site Visits: DiNardo will be in contact if/when we receive an application.

Next Meeting: August 14, 2012 @ 7:00PM Department of Planning and Development, 114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, and voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura DiNardo  
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro  
Chair