

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Tuesday January 8, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m. Greenfield Department of Planning and Development**  
**114 Main Street**

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

**PRESENT:** Alex Haro, Chair  
Timothy Mosher, Vice-Chair  
Thomas DeHoyos  
Dee Letourneau  
John Blasiak  
Angela Panaccione, Agent

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2012.

**MOTION:** Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes from December 11, 2012 as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings: No Scheduled Public Hearings or Meetings

Other Business:

**Surplus Property Disposition:** The commission has been asked to supply written recommendation to the planning department about the sale of two parcels of land, by the Town, to private individuals. The properties are: 1) A portion (0.2 acres) of parcel 75-45 off Walnut Street and 2) a portion (or all) of parcel R20-21 at the end of Stetson Drive. Parcel 75-45 generates no issues or recommendations from the commission. Parcel R20-21 is covered in wetlands and is undevelopable. Commission Chair Dr. Alex Haro and Agent Angela Panaccione will conduct a site visit prior to issuing a recommendation.

**Wedgewood Gardens Site:** The commissioners discussed the proposal of a dog park on the parcel. The proposal has been sent to FEMA for approval. The proposal requires fencing, but no cement is to be used. The Recreation Department had questions concerning the wetlands ordinance and the requirements for the compensatory storage mitigation in floodplains. The commissioners recommend the Recreation Department attend a meeting, with as much information as possible, and discuss the matter further. A site plan of the proposal, with the fence location and resource areas defined, is needed before the commission can consider compensatory storage mitigation.

**WPA Funds:** All NOI filing fees collected since the start of FY13 have been redeposited into the

Wetlands Account. Fees collected in FY11 & FY12, which were deposited into the general fund, cannot be retrieved due to town regulations. Agent will investigate matter further.

**Lenny Weeks Request for a Certificate of Compliance:** The commissioners discussed a request to reconsider issuing a COC for the dam repair at 312 Adams Road, DEP # 168-0285. The applicant believes this was a very small project, with negligible impacts, and the nature of the project did not result in the need to re-establish any vegetation or disturb any soils.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to deny the request for a Certificate of Compliance because two (2) growing seasons have yet to occur. Applicant may resubmit the request at the completion of the second growing season.

**Sherri Williams – 624 Leyden Rd:** The commissioners discussed a requested for a letter stating that 1/3 of her property is wetlands/resource area and is unusable. She wished to file for abatement on her house. According to site visit report and GIS overlays, the property has a significant amount of wetlands. If Ms. Williams had the property delineated when she filled for the RDA, she can supply the town with those delineations.

**Town of Greenfield Wetland Protection Ordinance (Chapter 195):** The commissioners discussed and revised the draft chapter 195 ordinance. Haro will email the board the revised draft document.

Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates:

**Colrain Street:** The commissioners discussed a potential violation occurring along the Green River, off Colrain Street. On 12/13/12, Agent conducted a site visit with Mark Stinson, DEP, and discovered several unauthorized structures present along the perennial stream and in the BVW; and an additional structure and a pen/fencing located within the riverfront, NHESP priority habitat and the flood plain. The area is not zoned for agriculture, but since the parcel is over 10 acres, the owners are allowed to conduct agricultural activities. The owner is Elena Pirozhkov and the property is assessors map R26 4 0. Agent contacted Mark Snow, building inspector, about the violation and was informed there is a long history to the property with violation. Snow stated most buildings were constructed in 2002/2003. Each individual structure has a footprint of less than 120 square feet; thereby exempting the buildings from requiring a building permit. There were approximately 25 chickens and 15 goats on the parcel last spring when he conducted a site visit over a building code violation. If the parcel is considered a “working farm”, it is covered under WPA exemptions. Agent will investigate further.

**College Park Condos:** The commissioners discussed a complaint about brook cleaning in the College park Condos. The determination issued in 2007 required all work by hand or with a weed-wacker. Chainsaws and brush cutters were used instead. On 12/13/12, Agent conducted a site visit with Mark Stinson, DEP, and discovered several trees were cut within feet of the brook. GCC agreed to let DEP handle the violation, as they issued the Administrative Consent Order on the property.

**ExxonMobil Station – 142 Mohawk Trail:** The commissioners discussed a violation is occurring at the ExxonMobil station, by the rotary, on 2A. The fence on the property is falling into the intermittent stream

and it is apparent snow is being plowed into the stream as well. An OOC was issued in 2008 for a “Stream Bank Restoration Plan”, but the work was never completed. Since then the erosion to the bank has increased the deterioration to the slope. Haro and Panaccione will conduct a site visit Thursday morning. Panaccione will also discuss the violation with DEP.

Next Meeting: 7 PM on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Letourneau and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Panaccione  
Conservation Commission Agent

Alex Haro  
Chair