

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Tuesday March 26, 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 7:08 p.m. with the following members:

**PRESENT:** Alex Haro, Chair  
Thomas DeHoyos  
John Blasiak  
Angela Panaccione, Agent

**ABSENT:** Timothy Mosher, Vice-Chair  
Dee Letourneau

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2013.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to table the minutes from March 12, 2013 to the next meeting on April 9, 2013.

Public Meetings/Hearings: **NO PUBLIC HEARINGS OR MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

Enforcement Updates:

**Colrain Street:** Several unauthorized structures are present along the perennial stream and a pen and shed is located within the riverfront zone, NHESP priority habitat and the flood plain. The owner is Elena Pirozhkov and the property is assessors map R26 4 0. The Commission will refrain from enforcement action until it can be determined if the land is in "Agricultural Use". Agent will investigate further and the Commission will monitor the site in the spring for farming activities.

**Exxon Mobile – 142 Mohawk Trail:** Attorney Urs Furrer, retained by both ExxonMobil and Lehigh Gas, stated the company would make the necessary stream bank repairs as soon as possible. In response, the Commission requested a written response by May 1, 2013 describing ExxonMobil/Lehigh Gas, Inc. intended actions to complete the 2008 Stream Bank Restoration Plan (submitted to the Greenfield Conservation Commission on July 17, 2008), including a detailed schedule of work, proposed start date, construction sequence, any changes to the original plans, and the anticipated duration of project.. The Commission requested the proposed Stream Restoration project be implemented no later than August 31, 2013, before further degradation to the resource area occurs. The Commission further requested ExxonMobil/Lehigh Gas, Inc. attend the Greenfield Conservation Commission Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7 p.m. to discuss the matter further, including snow disposal protocol. Inaction may result in an Enforcement Order and potential fine

Other Business:

**Surplus Property Disposition:** The Commission is requested to provide written recommendation to the planning department about the sale of parcel 75-45 off Walnut Street (which is a buildable lot), by the Town, to private individuals. The recommendation shall indicate if the property is needed for any Town purpose, if the proposed use of the property (if know) is appropriate, if any special conditions should be attached to the site, and any additional information which may be appropriate and useful for a determination. The Greenfield Conservation Commission does not have any recommendations or concerns in regards to this sale. There are no resource areas or unique natural features present on the parcel. The Commission does not feel the property is needed for any Town purpose, and does not recommend any special conditions be attached to the sale.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to send a recommendation to the Planning Department supporting the sale.

**GTD Conservation Land – Boy Scout Bridge:** Bill Griswold provided a design and estimate of costs for the plaque for the footbridge in GTD, to acknowledge the Boy Scout Troop 005 that built it. He said he would take the lead on the project. The commission is on board with purchasing a plaque and Alex Haro will follow up with Bill. The estimated cost is \$303.00 for an 18” X 24” plaque.

**Regulation of Environmental Impact:** The Commission was requested by the Board of Health to provide comment on the proposed “Regulations of Environmental Impact” by April 24, 2013. The Commission will review the proposed regulations and discuss it at the meeting on April 9, 2013.

**Town of Greenfield Wetland Protection Ordinance (Chapter 195):** The commissioners discussed and revised the draft chapter 195 ordinance. The commissioners also discussed filing fees for permit applications. The Agent will develop a spreadsheet comparing the filing fees of surrounding towns for the next meeting.

Site Visit Schedule:

1. **DPW Roundabout:** Meet Tuesday April 2, at 5 PM at intersection by GCC (Colrain Rd/Colrain St)
2. **Mass DOT Sub-drain:** Meet Tuesday April 9, at 5 PM at the little turn off to the right when heading easterly down Rt. 2 towards Factory Hollow Road.
3. **Oak Courts Redevelopment:** Meet Tuesday April 9, at 5:30 PM at Oak Courts
4. **Berkshire Gas Phase I COC & Phase II NOI:** Meet Tuesday May 14, at 5 PM at site off Meade Street

Next Meeting: 7 PM on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Panaccione  
Conservation Commission Agent

Alex Haro  
Chair