

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Tuesday May 28, 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 7:07 p.m. with the following members:

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

ABSENT: Thomas DeHoyos

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2013.

MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by Letourneau, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from May 14, 2013 as corrected.

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

Enforcement Updates:

Exxon Mobile – 142 Mohawk Trail: The applicant has submitted a new Notice of Intent for the installation of a Gabion Wall to stabilize the stream bank on site.

Other Business:

Request for COC (DEP # 168-0268) – 15 Spring Terrace; Charles Roberts: A request for a Certificate of Compliance (COC) was submitted to the commission by Charles Roberts, for property located at 15 Spring Terrace (Assessors Map 65 Lot 7), for work pertaining to the construction of a one family house. A site visit occurred with Conservation Agent Angela Panaccione on May 2, 2013 at 5 PM. Panaccione stated the area looks good and the site is stable. Roberts attended the meeting to discuss the final work with the commissioners. Roberts supplied the Commission several photographs of the house, the gardens, the retaining wall and the uses of pervious substrate in the driveway and the “porch” area. Roberts also supplied an affidavit from the contractor stating the work was completed in accordance with the approved site plans. Mr. Roberts does brushhog one a year as is permitted. Letourneau stated Mr. Roberts did a wonderful job at redeveloping the area while improving the on site environmental conditions.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 3-0-1 (Blasiak Abstains) to issue the COC for 15 Spring Terrace (DEP # 168-0268), based on the following ongoing conditions: #17, #19, #22, #25

Request for Extension of OOC (DEP # 168-0244) –DPW; Green River Swim Area: The DPW is requesting a 3-year extension to their current OOC for the maintenance of the Green River Swim Area. The Commission received the request May 21, 2013 for the permit, which expired on May 25, 2013. The Commission had concerns in regards to the proposed “Annual Maintenance Activities”, including:

1. Setting of the grates in place on the dam.
2. Trimming and removal of trees and brush that may pose a safety hazard.
3. Flushing and refilling of the pool area when bacteria levels in the river are high.

The Commission also agreed the DPW should schedule a meeting with the commission, prior to next years work, to discuss a course of action for the 2014 Maintenance. The Commission would like to review the currently permitted maintenance activities with DPW and determine what could be consider part of an ongoing maintenance plan and what would require additional permitting or approval.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to issue a 10 month, to a period of time no latter than March 31, 2014, Extension Permit for the Order of Conditions issued to the Greenfield Department of Public Works on May 25, 2006 for the maintenance of the Nash Mill Swim Area.

Request for permission to collect seeds - New England Wild Flower Society: The Commission received a request from the New England Wild Flower Society to collect seeds on Town of Greenfield Lands. They wish to collect at least 30 seed heads, pods, or other fruiting structures from each population, but always no more than 20% of the seed produced by a given population in one year to ensure that the species is conserved at the site. The seed collected will be processed by New England Wild Flower Society, Nasami Farm in Whately, MA. The commission requests a map be supplied detailing the exact locations of seed selection and a list of the potential species to be harvested. No new information has been provided.

Surplus Property Disposition: The commission has been asked to provide written recommendation to the planning department about the sale of nine parcels of land (18-19, 101-35, 69-22, R37-24, R37-31, R37-33, R37-34, 23-47, and R14-29B), 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 Agent reviewed the parcels and determined none of the parcels had resource areas or were of special concern. The Agent did recommend possibly keeping the three parcels on the Mohawk Trail as Open Space as town forestry lands. Overall, the Commission did not have any recommendations or concerns in regards to the sale of any of the nine (9) parcels, did not feel any of the properties are needed for any Town purpose and did not recommend any special conditions be attached to the sale.

MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to send a recommendation to the Planning Department stating the Commission has no interest in any of the nine (9) parcels and supporting the sale of the surplus land.

Town of Greenfield Wetland Protection Ordinance (Chapter 195): The commissioners continued the discussion and revisions of the draft chapter 195 ordinance.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the finalized draft of the Chapter 195: Wetlands Protection Ordinance; and submit to the Town Council for review.

Site Visit Schedule:

1. **261 Mohawk Trail:** Meet Thursday 6/6/13 at 5 PM at 261 Mohawk Trail for the Shelburne Falls, Jehovah Witnesses project
2. **32 East Wayland Drive:** Meet Thursday 6/6/13 at 5:30 PM at the 32 East Wayland Dr.
3. **Wiley & Russell Dam Removal:** Meet Tuesday 6/11/13, at 5 PM at the parking lot at the beginning of Meade Street, just off of Deerfield Street (Routes 5 and 10) (which is just upgradient of the dam itself).

Next Meeting: 7 PM on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Panaccione
Conservation Commission Agent

Alex Haro
Chair