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Minutes of Tuesday July 9, 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 7:00 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair
Dee Letourneau
John Blasiak

ABSENT: Timothy Mosher, Vice-Chair

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2013.

MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by Letourneau, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to accept the minutes from June 25, 2013, as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:00 PM Cont. NOI (DEP # 168-0289) - Stoneleigh-Burnham School: Notice of Intent submitted by SVE Associates c/o Leslie Brown representing the Stoneleigh-Burnham School, for property located at 574 Bernardston Road (Map R15, Parcel 2), for work pertaining to a stream maintenance dredging operation, equestrian improvements, pond maintenance, new fore bay construction and a new outside arena.

Ward Smith, a representative for the applicant requests for a continuous to the next regularly scheduled meeting because he is still waiting to receive the Water Quality Certificate in order to move forward with the above-mentioned project.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing until Tuesday, July 23, 2013

7:15 PM Cont. NOI (DEP # 168-0294) – ExxonMobil, 142 Mohawk Trail: Notice of Intent submitted by Synergy Environmental, Inc. c/o David Hrinak representing Lehigh Gas Corporation, for the ExxonMobil Station property located at 142 Mohawk Trail (Assessors Map 35 Lot 15), for work pertaining to the installation of a retaining wall constructed of gabion baskets, opposed to the previously proposed sheet pile wall.

The applicant was not ready for the public hearing, and therefore, requests a continuous to the next



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regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing until Tuesday, July 23, 2013

7:30 PM Cont. NOI (DEP # 168-0293) – Wiley & Russell Dam Removal: Notice of Intent submitted by Horsley Witten Group, Inc. c/o Eric Twarog representing the Town of Greenfield's Department of Planning and Development, for the Wiley & Russell Dam, located at Meridian Street (Assessors Map 24 Lots 42, 44, 45), for work pertaining to the removal of the Wiley & Russell Dam, as part of the Green River Restoration Project.

The following Project Partners were present: Amy Singler, American Rivers; Amy Ball, Horsley Witten Group, Inc.; Andrea Donlon, Connecticut River Watershed Council; Laura Wildman, Princeton Hydro; and Eric Twarog, Director of Planning & Development. Ms. Wildman reviewed a letter written by Horsley Witten Group on behalf of the Project Partners addressing the comment letter on the Draft Record of Decision on the Environmental Notification Form under the MEPA process sent to Secretary Richard K. Sullivan of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs by Tower Hill Consultants (the letter prepared by Horsley Witten Group on behalf of the Project Partners dated July 9, 2013 is hereby made a part of these meeting minutes). The following points were reviewed:

- Historical Interests, Town Project Involvement, and Community Development;
- Dam Safety;
- Dam Construction Materials;
- Alternatives Analysis and Future Planned Fishway Construction on Upper Dam;
- Restoration of Cold Water Fisheries Habitat;
- Post Dam Removal Water Surface Elevations and Velocities; and
- Retaining Wall along the Green River Cemetery.

The Commission discussed whether to continue the public hearing to July 23, 2013 when the new Conservation Agent will be on board. Director Twarog stated that he could process the necessary paperwork if the Commission were to approve the NIO and issue an Order of Conditions this evening. The Commission reached consensus to not continue the public hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to close the public hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to approve the NOI as submitted and issue an Order of Conditions with conditions.

Other Business:

Vacant Position: Thomas DeHoyos has applied for this position.



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MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by Letourneau and voted 3-0-0 to send a letter of recommendation to the Appointments Committee.

Leadership for the coming year:

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Blasiak and voted 3-0-0 to make the following appointments:

Chair – Alex Haro
Vice-Chair – Timothy Mosher

Next Meeting:

7 PM on Tuesday, July 23, 2013: Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by Letourneau, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Connelley
Grants Administrator
Via digital recording

Alex Haro
Chair