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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Tuesday August 13, 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
Timothy Mosher, Vice-Chair
Dee Letourneau
John Blasiak
Maureen Pollock, Agent

ALSO PRESENT: Anthony Wonseski Jr., SVE Associates
Dave Johnson, BDM Sweeper and Arlington Paving

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 23, 2013.

MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by Letourneau, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from July 23, 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 requested a continuance 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 4-0-0 to continue the hearing until Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Other Business:

562 Leyden Road: Emergency Certificate

Pollock updated the Commission about the emergency culvert replacement along a private common drive off of 562 Leyden Road, stating the construction is complete, and now the applicant, Joe Sabella needs to speak



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to the Commission about the emergency replacement and to make sure the project is in compliance of the Wetlands Protection Act.

7:15 PM RDA– 259 Mohawk Trail: Request for Determination submitted by SVE Associates c/o Tony Wonseski representing BDM Sweeper and Arlington Paving, for the commercial property including Staples, Dollar Tree, and Bootleggers located at 259 Mohawk Trail (Assessor's Map R25, Parcel 12), for work pertaining to the maintenance of the existing parking lot within the Riverfront Resource Area.

Mosher, Letourneau, Blasiak, Pollock and Anthony Wonseski, of SVE Associates conducted a site visit of the project site on July 30, 2013. Wonseski submitted copies of the wetlands resource area report conducted by Ward Smith, Professional Wetland Scientist of Wendell Wetland Services to the Commission. Due to expected heavy volumes of traffic caused by back to school shopping, construction will not start until after September 15th and is scheduled to take a few weeks. Public parking will continue during the proposed construction, so the project will be done in sections to allow public access to the stores.

The condition of the existing parking lot is poor. The proposed project will reclaim, regrade and repave the existing parking lot, including the parking in the back of the buildings towards Shelburne Road, and berm replacement at the existing islands. No expansion of parking lot will be created for this project. The existing concrete curbing will not be removed. The southwestern edge of the site is depressed, allowing surface water to flow into the Wheeler Brook, making it an area of concern. Wonseski proposes to have gravel bags on site in case of rainstorms; contractors can place the gravel bags along the area of concern. Silt fencing with straw bales would be installed prior to construction and would serve as a limit of construction. According to the site plans, sections of the silt fencing with straw bales would go slightly into the 25' No Disturb Zone (NDZ). Since the parking lot pre-exists 1996, the Commission does not believe the section of silt fencing with straw bales within the NDZ will be an issue. During the July 30th site visit Mosher walked down to Wheeler Brook, and determined it is accurately flagged. Blasiak asked Johnson what materials would be on site for potential spills. Johnson explained to the Commission, throughout the construction period, materials for potential spills would be on site, including speedy dry and adsorption booms, among other spill response materials. Additionally, the contractors will use a vegetable-based hydraulic fluid, which is biodegradable.

Mosher asked what kind of sediment control would be done at each catch basin. Wonseski and Johnson agreed sediment capture devices, such as siltsacks, gravel bags or gravel berms wrapped in filter fabric would be installed under the grate of each catch basin prior to construction. Wonseski pointed out that this project would not include installation and/or improvement of any stormwater drain/point source; therefore, this project would not be subject to the provisions of the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Letourneau, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 (Haro abstained – he was not at the site visit) to make a negative determination, box 3, that the work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined by the regulations, but



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will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent subject to the following conditions: Standard Boiler Plate Conditions (Attachment A).

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-1 (Haro abstained – he was not at the site visit) Per Greenfield Chapter 195 - Wetlands Protection Ordinance § 195-4H “Waiver,” the Commission will permit the installation of silt fencing with straw bales within the 25’ No Disturb Zone because the NDZ extends into the pre-existing disturbed area and current parking lot which has existed prior to August 7, 1996.

Other Business:

DPW: Request for Permit Extension (DEP # 168-0244) Annual Maintenance: Green River Swim Area
Alan Twarog, Assistant Engineer for the Town of Greenfield was not able to attend the meeting will reschedule this line item until the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 27, 2013

The Commissioners request Alan Twarog to present the annual maintenance “scope of work” at the next meeting. The “scope of work” would include a breakdown of all the annual maintenance activities DPW intends to do, including items not of the Commission’s concern. At the next meeting, the Commissioners want to discuss the scope of work by going through each line item. The Commission hopes that by agreeing to a modified scope of annual work, they will not need further annual discussion.

Project Monitoring:

None

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

80 Homestead Avenue: A follow up site visit is needed to ensure all dumped materials have been removed and the stream is flowing back to where it is supposed to be.

Correspondence:

Griswold/GTD Conservation Area – Haro, Letourneau, Pollock, and Fish intend to conduct a site visit on Thursday, August 15, 2013. The purpose of this site visit is to inspect the current conditions of the property, to create an inventory of what maintenance activities need to be done, and to look for potential locations for a commemorative bench in honor of Bill Griswold. Haro selected a bench, made of Ashfield schist at a cost of \$200 to 300. Haro has a kiosk design, and will bring it to the next meeting for discussion. Franklin County Technical School students might be able to cut the pieces for the



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kiosk, and Commission members will have to assemble it on site.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to use Griswold/GTD Conservation Area funds for purchasing bench materials.

Maynard Pond dumping: Letter in the Recorder: Pollock left a voice message with the concerned resident, but there has not been response back. Pollock will write a letter to this person.

Right of First Refusal (Ch.61 B) – Golf Course: The Commission has 120 days, until September 19, 2013 to provide comments on the foreclosure and subsequent sale of 398 Deerfield Street. The property currently has a Recreational Land Tax Lien by the Town. Pollock will draft a memo stating that it might be in the town's best interest to preserve the wetland resources areas that exist on this Chapter 61B property – i.e. either the town could purchase the property or could put a conservation restriction on jurisdictional significant resource areas. The property is located within the riverfront area, resource areas and associated buffer zones, and NHESP Priority Habitat.

270 Deerfield Street 'Brookie' Sculpture Park (Map 19, Parcel 44): The Commission again requests a site visit with the planning department and recommends the planning department to submit an RDA for the work. Pollock will look into the status of this project.

Appointment & Ordinance Committee meeting: Haro and Mosher attended the August 12, 2013 meeting. Two items of the Commission's interest included: Tom DeHoyos is up for appointment to the Commission and the Appointment & Ordinance Committee discussed the approval of the updated Chapter 195 – Wetlands Protection Ordinance. Haro updated the Commission about the meeting. The Committee received the Commission's letter in support of Tom DeHoyos' appointment. After much discussion, the Committee approved Tom DeHoyos appointment, and will now need to receive approval from Town Council. Haro gave an overview of the Commission's process of updating Chapter 195 – Wetlands Protection Ordinance. The Committee is not familiar of the Ordinance's context and are not aware of changes made, so they request Haro to explain the Ordinance changes to the Town Council.

Site Visit Scheduling:

1. **Fargo Drive (Map R11, Parcel 2B) RDA** – Meet Friday, August 23, 2013 at 4:30 PM on site
2. **127 Thayer Road Extension** – TBA



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Next Meeting:

7 PM on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Letourneau, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Conservation Agent
Via digital recording

Alex Haro
Chair