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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Tuesday September 24, 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  
John Blasiak  
Tom DeHoyos  
Maureen Pollock, Agent

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sara Campbell, DPW

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2013.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from September 10, 2013, as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

**7:06 PM Cont. RDA – Shelburne Road right of way:** Request for the Determination of Applicability submitted by the Town of Greenfield c/o Sara Campbell representing the Town of Greenfield's Department of Public Works, for the Shelburne Road right of way located east of the 83 Shelburne Road property, to determine whether the work proposed for the removal of the existing bituminous surface sidewalk and placement of soil to meet existing grade within the riverfront area (Green River) is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Sara Campbell (DPW) attended the meeting to provide more detail for the proposed project, including new topographic grades and proposed plantings. The proposed project includes the removal of the existing sidewalk and replacement of the existing curbing and guard rail. DPW will replace the berm where it has been pushed away. The replacement of the bituminous surface curbing will divert stormwater runoff to the existing catch basin along Shelburne Road. The grading of the bank will not change.



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An upland conservation seed mix and straw mulch will be spread in the area of work, and DPW will perform periodic roadway mowing. Soil will be stabilized around each repositioned guard rail post.

Storm drain outlet will be covered during the entire construction period. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be provided at the edge of work to protect the adjacent resource area.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to close the public meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to make a negative determination, box 2, that work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent; box 5, that the conversion of impervious to vegetated surfaces, provided erosion and sedimentation controls are implemented during construction is exempt as a minor activity per 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)1.f; as amended with the following conditions:

1. Each guard rail post shall be tamped and reset
2. Storm drain inlet protection measures shall be installed per inlet prior to construction and shall remain in place until all disturbed areas are re-vegetated and stabilized.

Other Business:

Griswold/GTD Conservation Area: Maintenance update

Jeff Johnson of JJ's Lawn Care mowed the overgrown portions of the stewardship trail and removed some blown down trees along the trail. Jeff will maintain the trails two times annually. The commemorative bench is ready for the inscription, which will state: "In memory of Lyman W. 'Bill' Griswold" and will be installed near the parking lot.

**MOTION:** Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to have the stewardship trail maintained twice each year.

Chapter 195: Wetlands Protection Ordinance: Waiver

Haro presented information to the Town Council regarding the draft Wetlands Ordinance revisions





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during the Town Council Meeting held on September 18, 2013. Haro reviewed each edited section to the Council. Haro explained the purpose of the waiver and explained the advantages and disadvantages for keeping it in the Ordinance. Keith Zaltzberg requested the Conservation Commission submit the Wetland Ordinance revisions without the waiver section to the Appointments & Ordinances Committee.

#### Project Monitoring:

**259 Mohawk Trail:** Pollock inspected the installed sedimentation and erosion controls during a pre-construction site visit on September 19, 2013. Each control was satisfactorily installed and placed. The project should be completed by October 5, 2013.

#### Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

**261 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses (DEP #168-0270):** Haro, DeHoyos, Blasiak, and Pollock conducted a site visit of the project site on September 16, 2013 accompanied by Dale Putnam and Frank Wheeler to observe the reported violations and to discuss corrective measures and deadlines needed for compliance. The Commissioners observed the disturbed area has been stabilized with conservation mix and straw. An amended Order of Conditions with a restoration plan shall be filed with the Conservation Commission on or before February 28, 2014.

#### Correspondence:

None

#### Site Visit Scheduling:

None

#### Next Meeting:

7 PM on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development;  
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Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock  
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro  
Chair

