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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Tuesday October 22, 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
Dee Letourneau

ALSO PRESENT: Chuck Dauchy, Charles H. Dauchy, Environmental Consultant
Mary McEneaney, Center for Human Development
Ernest Ashley, CDM Smith
Debra Wysocki
Scott Coy, Catamount Land Management
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: Tom DeHoyos

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2013.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-1 (Haro abstained) to accept the minutes from October 8, 2013, as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:00 PM RDA - 148 Montague City Road (CHD): Request for the Determination of Applicability submitted by the Center for Human Development, for the proposed Women's Treatment facility, located at 148 Montague City Road (Assessor's Map 1, Lot 3), to determine whether the work proposed for the demolition of an existing outbuilding and conversion to vegetated surfaces; and the demolition of an existing garage above slab and conversion to parking area within the riverfront area (Connecticut River) is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Mary McEneaney of Center of Human Development and Chuck Dauchy of Charles H. Dauchy



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Environmental Consultant were present to explain the scope of work to the proposed project. The proposed work is part of an overall project to renovate an existing former nursing home for use as a Women's Treatment Facility. Dauchy stated he believes all proposed work is exempt from the MA Wetland Protection Act including: the existing outbuilding to be demolished will be replaced with a vegetated area; the existing garage structure above the slab to be removed; the slab will remain and be used for parking area; and existing landscape plantings will be pruned necessary to control growth and allow access to the building. There will be no expansion of the existing buildings, paved area, or cleared area. The vegetated area will be seeded with a lawn mix. The existing sanitary sewer main will be protected during construction.

MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by Letourneau, 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 5 that the area described in the Request is subject to protection under the Act. Since the work described therein meets the requirement for the following exemption, as specified in the Act and the regulations, no Notice of Intent is required: the existing outbuilding will be removed and replaced with a vegetated area, provided erosion and sedimentation controls are implemented during construction is exempt as a minor activity per 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)(1)(f); the existing garage structure above the slab will be removed, but the slab will remain and will be used for a parking area, provided erosion and sedimentation controls are implemented during construction is exempt as a minor activity per 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)(1)(f); existing landscape plantings will be pruned necessary to control growth and allow access to the building should be considered an exempt activity per 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)(1)(c) is an exempt, as amended with the following conditions:

1. Erosion and sedimentation controls shall be implemented during all construction periods;
2. Refueling of any construction equipment shall not occur on vegetated surfaces;
3. Serving a protection measure, a metal plate shall be placed over the sanitary sewer main during all construction periods

Other Business:

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 488 Bernardston Road (DEP #168-0280): A request for a Certificate of Compliance (COC) was submitted to the Commission by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., for the property located at 488 Bernardston Road (Assessor's Map 122, Lot 15), for the work pertaining to the demolition of the existing gas station and construction of a five (5) pump fuel facility and amenities. A site visit occurred with Conservation Agent Maureen Pollock



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on October 15, 2013. Pollock stated the area looks good and the site is permanently stable. Pollock supplied the Commission several photographs of the completed portion of the site. Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. submitted an as built plan to the Commission.

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 3-0-1 (Blasiak abstained) to issue the COC for 488 Bernardston Road (DEP # 168-0280).

11-17 Meridian Street (DEP #168-0281): Blasiak, Pollock, and Ernest Ashley of CDM Smith conducted a site visit of the property on October 11, 2013. Ashley was present to explain the proposed work to be conducted at the Former Swarf Disposal Area located at 11-17 Meridian Street. A series of borings along the edge of the Green River, spaced approximately ten (10) feet apart, will be advanced using a backpack drill. Borings will be advanced a minimum of five (5) feet into bedrock. Total depth is expected to be ten (10) feet or less for each of the borings. Absorbent booms and/or straw bales will be placed along the river's edge to prevent any potential sediment or non aqueous phase liquid from being released into the river. As the drill will be carried on foot to the river's edge, the impact from the drilling will be minimal. Boreholes will be abandoned with bentonite and/or hydraulic cement. No long-term adverse wetland impacts are anticipated from the proposed work. All impacts to resource areas will be temporary and disturbed areas will be restored to existing conditions. The Commissioners stated that given the purpose and scope of the overall project will not change, and the potential for adverse impacts to the resource areas will not be increased, the applicant may request an Amended Order of Conditions, instead of filing for a new Notice of Intent. Pollock will schedule a public meeting for the Request to Amend the Order of Conditions (DEP #168-0281).

Project Monitoring:

259 Mohawk Trail: Pollock conducted a post-construction site visit on October 9, 2013 and states that all work has been satisfactorily completed. The project engineer submitted a memo with post-construction photos, stating that all work has been completed in conformance with the approved plans and the Determination of Applicability. Pollock will contact the applicant to remove all erosion and sedimentation controls.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

208 Mohawk Trail (Map 37, Lot 5) Brian Barlow of Barlow Paving & Excavating was present to explain why he dumped piles consisting of construction debris, asphalt, and fill at the abandoned Candlelight Hotel, on Rte 2, behind McDonalds and to discuss how he plans to restore the resource areas that were impacted.



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Barlow takes care of the property on behalf of the property manager, Jed Hayes. Barlow's workers were supposed to dump piles adjacent to the abandoned hotel and pool, which is outside the resource areas. Mark Snow, Building Inspector and Pollock inspected the site on October 3, 2013, and found at least ten (10) piles, all within the Riverfront Area of Smead Brook, with 2-4 piles within the 25' No Disturb Zone (NDZ). The Commissioners would like to set up a site visit with Barlow, Snow, and a Board of Health representative to further inspect the site.

Eunice Williams Drive (Assessors Map R31, Lot 14): On October 22, 2013, a follow-up site visit was conducted by Blasiak, Mosher, Pollock, Scott Coy (Catamount Land Management), Allison Wright (State Service Forester) and Brent Powers (NRCS Review Biologist) for the apparent violations of the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA, 310 CMR 10.0), MA Endangered Species Act (MESA, 321 CMR 10.0) and the Forest Cutting Practices Act (304 CMR 11.0) and their impact to the resources areas. Coy and Wysocki (Property Owner) attended the October 22, 2013 Conservation Commission meeting to discuss what future steps need to be taken in order to restore the impacted areas. The Commissioners agreed the property owner will be required to submit a restoration plan for removal of slash, dead trees, and replanting for areas within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone, and bank restoration.

More specifically, restoration measures shall include:

All areas within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone to the Green River:

- Trees that have been cut, known as slash, shall be removed;
- The trees that naturally fell and died shall not be removed;
- All cut trees shall be replanted with a 1:1 ratio

Areas at the north-eastern edge of the property boundary (near the covered bridge), which are within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone to the Green River:

- Removal of slash shall be transported by a wheeled cart and not by a skidder;

Areas at the south-eastern edge of the property boundary, known as "Beach Area"

- May restore the altered bank, including returning the bank to its original grade and re-vegetating it
- May transport a tracked bulldozer to help restore and remove slash in this area

Areas to the southern edge of the property boundary, known as "Daytona Beach"

- The altered top of bank and bottom of bank shall be restored using materials from the river and shall be loamed and seeded it with a wetland mix
- The applicant may bring a tracked bulldozer to help restore and remove slash in this area

Access roads:

- All access roads shall not form any puddle ruts



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- The applicant shall show on the restoration plan where the access roads will be located for bulldozers assess. Keep in mind when selecting the roads, they will be the only roads allowed for bulldozer use.

Pollock reminded the applicant the cease and desist order is still in effect for all areas within the 200 foot Riverfront Area (which are all the areas referenced above). No work within these areas shall commence until the Conservation Commission approves any such work.

Once the restoration plan was been approved by the Commission, the restoration plan shall be implemented no later than March 31, 2014 per Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) regulations.

Coy and Wysocki would like to prepare and submit a restoration plan as soon as possible so they can move forward with restoration measures. The Commission will schedule a Special Commission Meeting.

Correspondence:

None

Site Visit Scheduling:

1. **40 Mary Potter Lane (RDA)** – Meet October 25, 2013 at 8:00 AM on site
2. **Log Plain Road (RDA)** - Meet October 25, 2013 at 8:30 AM on site
3. **208 Mohawk Trail** – Meet November 1, 2013 at 8:00 AM on site

Next Meeting:

7 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 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 9:04 PM.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair