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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Tuesday November 26, 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
Tom DeHoyos
John Blasiak

ALSO PRESENT: Tony Wonseski, SVE Associates
Mary Kaepfel
Ed Morley
Frank Holmes, Stantec Planning and Landscape Architecture
Rachana Crowley, the Community Builders
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: Tim Mosher
Dee Letourneau

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:00 PM Continued RDA – Log Plain Road: Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by SVE Associates c/o Mary Kaepfel, for the property located at Log Plain Road (Assessors Map R08, Lot 6), to determine whether the work proposed for the construction of single family house, grading alterations, and installation of a septic system is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

DeHoyos, Blasiak, and Pollock conducted a site visit of the property on November 19, 2013. The project representative, Douglas MacLeay, was present during the site visit and showed the Commissioners where the proposed house, driveway, septic tank and leaching fields will be installed. The group walked the delineated “bordering vegetated wetland” boundary line, which was delineated by Ward Smith. As previously observed during the October 25, 2013, the group noticed tree cutting occurring within the 100 foot wetland buffer zone and within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone. Additionally, slash was observed within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone.

Tony Wonseski, Mary Kaepfel, and Ed Morley were present at the public meeting. Wonseski explained the applicant will replant, by hand, (at a 1:1 ratio) herbaceous and woody species appropriate to the site and will pull the slash out of the 25 foot No Disturb Zone.



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MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to make a negative determination, box 3 that the work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but 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 special conditions:

1. Erosion and sedimentation barriers shall constitute a limit-of-work as approved by this Determination. Under no circumstances is any work allowed to take place on the down-gradient side (the resource side) of the sedimentation/siltation barrier.
2. Restoration work shall include (at 1:1 ratio) seeding and planting with a conservation seed mixture, followed by plantings of herbaceous and woody species appropriate to the site. All seeding and planting shall be done by hand. The restoration plan shall be submitted and approved by the Conservation Commission no later than March 31, 2014. The plantings shall be maintained for two growing seasons.
3. Heavy equipment shall not be stored or refueled within the 100 foot wetland buffer zone
4. All slash shall be removed outside of the 25 foot No Disturb Zone

Other Business:

Leyden Woods apartments (DEP #168-0274): DeHoyos, Blasiak, and Pollock conducted a site visit of the property on November 19, 2013. Project representatives, Rachana Crowley of the Community Builders and Frank Holmes of Stantec Planning and Landscape Architecture were present during the site visit and showed the Commissioners where proposed changes are within wetland resources areas and there associated buffers.

Crowley and Holmes were present to informally discuss the proposed plan for the Leyden Woods apartments and to inquire whether this project would need to file for a new Notice of Intent or request to amend the existing Order of Conditions. The proposed plan includes the renovation of buildings on site that will involve demolition and replacement of existing housing units on the existing foundations; reduction of parking lot space; and a reduction of impervious surface on site.

Pollock consulted Mark Stinson, MassDEP regarding the proposed changes. Stinson stated he did not have a problem with the applicant to request to amend the Order of Conditions, as long as the existing Order is in compliance and the proposed changes will not create any new stormwater point sources. After reviewing the existing Order of Conditions, Pollock stated the existing conditions are indeed in compliance. Holmes stated the proposed changes will not include new



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stormwater point sources; it will only include stormwater upgrades so they meet current stormwater standards. Additionally, before any work would start, Holmes will ensure that all erosion and sedimentation barriers will be adjusted and installed for the new limit of work and the wetland flagging will be re-established. When submitting the filing, Commissioners request a written narrative be submitted stating what the applicant intends to do after the dwelling units are removed and what stormwater upgrades will be proposed. Additionally, the Commissioners request the applicant to show all proposed changes in the submitted plan, including relocation of catch basins and erosion and sedimentation barriers; locations of new plantings; and locations of plant removal.

The Commissioners stated that given 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.

562 Leyden Road Emergency Certificate (Greenfield #13-11): DeHoyos, Blasiak, and Pollock conducted a site visit of the property on November 19, 2013. The Commissioners observed increased bank erosion. At the meeting, Commissioners expressed concerns regarding potential erosion issues after the culvert is extended and bank stabilization measures have been implemented. Pollock will contact Terry Reynolds, project representative to discuss how the project plan will address future stormwater runoff from the private drive.

Greenfield Community Farm (Map R31, Lot 1 and 5): DeHoyos, Blasiak, Pollock, Jay Lord (farmer from the Greenfield Community Farm), and Brent Powers (NRCS Review Biologist), conducted a site visit of the property on November 19, 2013. The group observed wetland resources and associated buffers located in both areas in mention; including Riverfront Area (Glen Brook), Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (100 year floodplain), Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, as well as NHESP Priority Habitats and Estimated Habitats. The group observed existing path systems in areas of concern that cross into wetlands and are within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone. Additionally, the group observed large piles of rocks located within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone along the Glen Brook. At the meeting, Commissioners requested Lord to have the areas in mention delineated for wetlands before establishing a forest cutting plan. Pollock will research whether the piles of rock is an exempt agricultural activity under the MA Wetlands Protection Act.

Project Monitoring:

40 Mary Potter Lane (Assessors Map R34, Lot 97A): Pollock inspected the installed sedimentation and erosion controls during a pre-construction site visit on November 25, 2013. Each control was satisfactorily installed and placed.



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Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

208 Mohawk Trail (Map 37, Lot 5) Brian Barlow of Barlow Paving & Excavating was not able to attend the meeting, but requested the Commission to mail him what future steps need to be taken in response to the multiple dumping piles found, all within the Riverfront Area of Smead Brook, with 2-4 piles within the 25' No Disturb Zone (NDZ).

The Commission will require Barlow to submit a restoration plan for the property. The restoration measures should include, soil testing of all piles within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone, which should be specifically tested for PCBs, petroleum hydrocarbon, heavy metals, and LAPLs. The full test results can be submitted to the Commission no later than December 31, 2013. Based on the soil testing results, an appropriate disposal facility will be determined for disposal of all piles. Pollock will draft a memo

Correspondence:

None

Site Visit Scheduling:

None

Next Meeting:

7 PM on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Blasiak, no further discussion and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair