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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Tuesday January 28, 2014

**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
Tim Mosher, Vice-chair
Tom DeHoyos
Dee Letourneau
John Blasiak

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Blasiak, seconded by Letourneau, no further discussion and voted 3-0-2 (Haro and DeHoyos abstained) to accept the minutes from January 13, 2014, as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

None

Other Business:

None

Project Monitoring:

None

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Greenfield Community Farm/Just Roots: Jay Lord dba Just Roots submitted a letter to the Commission regarding the proposed forest cutting, existing footpaths, and existing piles of rocks and tires at the property located at Glenbrook Drive/Leyden Road (Assessor's Map R31, Lot 1 and 5). In the letter, Jay Lord states their organization will:



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- 1) “Do ‘nothing’ to the area we walked together when you visited. We will not open this land to public use. We will not cut any of the fallen or hung up trees. We will not have an educational garden in that site. We will simply close the area in question to the public right now;
- 2) We will enter into a partnership with Regenerative Design of Greenfield to develop an overall plan for the use of the entire property;
- 3) As this plan is developed, we will be in communication with the commission;
- 4) As the plan enters its final draft, it will be presented to the Commission for approval as necessary.”

Regarding the existing piles of rocks and tires on the edge of the large agricultural area, the DPW has agreed to remove the tires once they have been moved to the barn parking lot. The tires will be moved by a small pick-up truck. The tire removal will commence in the spring once the ground has cleared.

The rock removal presents a more complicated issue for Just Roots. “We moved the rocks there to prevent four wheelers from entering and exiting the stream. We have found that these four wheelers love to cruise down the center of the stream. We see their tracks. And the rocks stopped some of this. If we move the rocks, the stream becomes a much more accessible play area for the four wheelers. For this reason, and because the rocks block only a small percentage of Wildlife access to the stream, we hope you will reconsider your decision and allow the rocks to remain.”

“If you still wish us to remove the rocks, we certainly will do so but ask that our deadline be moved from March 31st to June 31, 2014. Due to weather, and labor this is a much more manageable deadline for us.”

Pollock will contact Brent Powers (NRCS Review Biologist) to determine whether the extension date is permissible. Additionally, not all Commissioners attended the November 19, 2014 site visit, and would like to visit the property before making a final decision regarding the rock piles.

208 Mohawk Trail (old Candlelight Hotel): Pollock updated the Commission that she mailed the property owner the certified letter that was previously mailed to Barlow, which requests Barlow to submit a restoration plan for 208 Mohawk Trail to the Commission for approval. Additionally, Brian Barlow has contacted Pollock and states he wants to cooperate with the restorative steps needed to be done.

Correspondence:

None

Site Visit Scheduling:

- 1) Greenfield Community Farm/Just Roots: **TBD**

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and



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Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Letourneau, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair