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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Tuesday January 13, 2015

**7:00 p.m. Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
114 Main Street**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, John Blasiak at 7:00 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: John Blasiak, Chair
Timothy Mosher, Vice-chair
Thomas DeHoyos
Gail Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: Matthias Nevins

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Miller, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from December 9, 2014.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

Other Business:

- **GTD/Griswold Conservation Area:** The recent tree blow downs from a December 2014 storm have been cleared off the trails by JJ Lawn Care. The money appropriated for this work came from the Conservation Trust. Moving forward, routine maintenance work at this property will come from the GTD/Griswold Conservation Area Account, pending the Mayor and Town Council approval. Pollock will estimate costs for the following work: construction of a kiosk and bench; repair of fence; mowing and tree clearing along all trails. Mowing and tree clearing along all trails will be done biannually. Work will not exceed \$1600 per fiscal year for mowing and tree clearing along all trails.
- **Just Roots, Glenbrook Drive:** The rocks along the stream have been removed off-site.



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- **MACC's 2015 Annual Environmental Conference – February 28, 2015:** Pollock informed the Commission about the upcoming conference, which will take place at Holy Cross in Worcester on February 28th.. The conference offers 27 workshops and 9 Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners training units.
- **Local Wetlands Protection Ordinance:** The Commission discussed possible changes to the Ordinance. Blasiak will write up all the proposed changes for the next Commission meeting. The Commission will vote which proposed changes they will move forward to the Mayor and Town Council for approval.
- **Baseline Reports/Annual Monitoring for Town-Owned Conservation Land:** Pollock has started working on the following properties: Lovejoy Land, Bernardston Road Conservation Land, Rocky Mountain Land, and the Nims Tree Farm Land.

Project Monitoring:

- **574 Bernardston Road, Stoneleigh School (DEP #168-0289):** The channel and pond have been dredged. The forebay was constructed with existing storm drains re-routed to the forebay. Work has not started at the outdoor equestrian arena and parking lot. The catch basin adjacent to the barn was not re-constructed because of the shallow elevation. The applicant has not received an as-built yet. The Applicant hopes to request a partial certificate of compliance in the spring.

Pollock conducted a site visit on December 23, 2014 and observed a retaining wall was constructed at a different location than was approved in the OOC. Pollock will contact the Applicant regarding the retaining wall.

- **Factory Hollow Drive, Fall River Dam Spillway Removal (DEP #168-0299):** On December 18, 2014 the breached spillway was removed. Immediately after spillway was removed, the bedrock ledge became exposed and the channel began to establish its new pathway. The impounded material will continue to move downstream with each high flow event until a natural stream width and shape is established. The remaining abutment on the Greenfield side of the stream is intact. The Applicant hopes to request a Certificate of Compliance in the spring. The Commission will conduct a site visit at that time.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

- **85 Shelburne Road (Assessor's Map 61, Lot 4):** Pollock discovered that a negative determination of applicability was approved by the Commission for the re-construction of the house and associated foundation will be conducted on the existing footprint only.



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Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Miller, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak
Chair