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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Tuesday April 14, 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
Gail Miller
Thomas DeHoyos

ALSO PRESENT: Jono Neiger, Regenerative Design Group
Peter Rosnick, Greenfield Community College
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: Matthias Nevins

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2015.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from March 24, 2015, as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

- **7:10 NOI – Greenfield Community College, 1 College Drive (DEP #168-0307):** Notice of Intent submitted by Greenfield Community College, for property located at 1 College Drive (Assessors Map R37 Lot 3A), for work pertaining to an outdoor learning laboratory, which includes the installation of a boardwalk, path system, benches; and plantings.

Neiger and Rosnick were present to explain the project. The project area will be located on the south side of the main campus building, between parking lot F and a steep slope to the west. There are two wetlands (intermittent stream and bordering vegetated wetlands) within the proposed work area. These wetlands were delineated by Bill Lattrell in the late summer 2014.

The project will include gravel and ADA pathways, a boardwalk through the wetlands, benches, native plantings with a raised bed for crop production, a small restoration area, and conversion from mowed grass to meadows.



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The outdoor learning laboratory will offer GCC students an opportunity to learn more about ecology, permaculture, geology, food systems, and identification of plants.

A 20-square foot replication area is proposed for the 15 square foot for all the boardwalk diamond piers. The installation of the diamond piers will not require equipment to go onto the wetland. The installers will likely use a sledge hammer and will go down 4-5 feet.

Organic fertilizers will be used in the raised beds. The beds will built with locust or cedar. One of the benefits of using raised beds is that erosion will not become a problem. For the most part, all compost will come from on-site. From time to time, compost may come from Martin's Farm in Greenfield.

DeHoyos suggested the applicants get high end compost so they don't get weeds.

The applicant intends to stop mowing in the project area near the GCC building. The applicant will let wetland plants to grow and will not mow the area.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to close the public hearing.

Discussion:

The applicant hopes to start the project in late summer 2015.

Blasiak stated this project adds wetland value. Stated projects like this one should be encouraged.

The Commission discussed potential special conditions and concluded more time should spent discussing the special condition before making their decision.

The Commission will continue their discussion for the decision of DEP #168-0307 until their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Other Business:

- **Request for Certificate of Compliance: Silvio O Conte Drive (Assessor's Map R05, Parcels 245 & 29B) (DEP #168-0264):** Pollock conducted a site visit on April 14, 2015. All work has been completed and is in compliance with the approved OOC.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance for Silvio O Conte Drive (Assessor's Map R05, Parcels



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245 & 29B) (DEP #168-0264)

- **Irving Gas Station, 223 Mohawk Trail:** A gasoline spill occurred on-site on March 20, 2015. The fire department and MassDEP were immediately notified. It is not known whether measures were implemented after the spill to stop gasoline from going into the stream. Pollock conducted a site visit on March 27, 2015. No gasoline went into Wheeler Brook.
- **Emergency Certificate: DPW – Shelburne Road west of Route 2 overpass (Greenfield #15-03):** The DPW is requesting an emergency permit to repair a small washout area on Shelburne Road that is undermining the roadway. Shelburne Road is adjacent to Wheeler Brook west of the Route 2 overpass. The road edge/bank of the stream in this area is currently armoring with riprap. A recent washout has eroded a portion of the bank and undermined the road edge. The DPW is proposing to place process gravel under and along the edge of the road pavement and re-armor the bank with rip rap. Blasiak conducted a site visit and signed off on the emergency certificate on March 30, 2015. The work started March 31, 2015.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to approve the Emergency Certificate (Greenfield File #15-03)

- **Baseline Documentation Reports: Lovejoy Land** – Pollock and Pratt conducted a site visit of the Lovejoy Land on April 8, 2015. The two walked the boundary line, took photographs along the boundary line and took an inventory of existing vegetation, evidence of wildlife, and locations of trash/debris. Pollock and Pratt will conduct a site visit of the Green River Conservation Land on April 15th.

Project Monitoring:

- **National Grid A127/B128 Reconductoring and Refurbishment Project at Structure 161A (Amended Order of Conditions for DEP # 168-0278):** The wetland mitigation was completed on April 7, 2015. As required, approximately 5.6 cubic yards of material was removed to create the wetland as compensation for the increased volume of fill in the wetland from installation of the structure foundations. Ryan Hale, the representative for the applicant would like to conduct a site visit with the Commission.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

- **258 Shelburne Road:** MassDEP informed the Commission about a possible violation at this location. Pollock and Blasiak conducted a site visit from the Bootleggers parking lot. It appears vegetation has been cleared out of a wetland and within the 200-ft Riverfront Area. Pollock will mail a certified letter to the property owners informing them to cease and desist all activities and allow the vegetation to re-grow. If the property owners wish to explain or contest the activities, they are welcome to discuss this with the Commission at their next



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regularly scheduled meeting.

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

- National Grid A127/B128 Reconductoring and Refurbishment Project at Structure 161A – meet on-site on April 16, 2015 at 11:00 AM
- Colrain Street, former Wedgewood Garden property – meet on-site on April 21, 2015 at 4:30 PM

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 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 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak
Chair