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Minutes of Tuesday June 9, 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
Matthias Nevins

ALSO PRESENT: Christy Moore, Greenfield Recreation Director
Timothy Coon, J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC
Andrew Leonard, Leonard Design
Tom DeRose
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: Thomas DeHoyos

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2015.

MOTION: Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from May 26, 2015, as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:10 Continued NOI – Greenfield Recreation Department, Green River Park, Petty Plain Road: Notice of Intent submitted by Greenfield Recreation Department, for property located at Petty Plain Road (Assessors Map R42 Lot 1), for work pertaining to drainage improvements to the existing parking lot; renovations to the existing playground and basketball court; and construction of a pickleball court and enclosed dog park.

Christy Moore, Greenfield Recreation Director; Andrew Leonard, Leonard Design; and Timothy Coon, J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC were present to provide more information and present revisions made to the site plan. Revisions include providing restoration seed mix containing grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs to the side slopes of the bank to the Green River adjacent to the proposed rip rap. The length of rip rap has been adjusted; it will come up 18 inches from the bottom of the channel. Shade tolerant plants could be included as



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part of the side slope plantings, like Ostrich Fern, *Matteuccia struthiopteris* and/or Interrupted Fern, *Osmunda claytoniana*. Another change includes the property line along the western property. The Town is working with the abutting property owners and Dan Warner, a licensed surveyor to establish the property line. Warner hopes to locate the line and re-set the boundary markers this week. Another revision includes restoring 3,200 square feet of existing buffer zone along the western boundary. This area has been maintained as turf and will be restored to a more natural condition by stripping sod and seeding with a native seed mix along with a planting program of native shrub materials. The areas will be allowed to naturalize with a boundary marking of small boulders set into grade at 20-foot intervals. The operations and maintenance (O&M) plan has been updated with more details. The use of pavers for the path areas is not within the town's budget; therefore, the applicant will use bituminous concrete for all paths.

Tom DeRose, 125 Meridian Street (Map 21, Lot 8)

Stated he is still waiting for Dan Warner, a licensed surveyor to establish the property line. Warner hopes to locate all boundary points and establish the property line this week. The site plan will be updated with the established lines.

Public Hearing closed at 7:26 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Nevins, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to issue an Approved Order of Condition with the following conditions:

1. In addition to the submitted planting list, the bank stabilization area shall be planted with native shade tolerant plant species, such as Ostrich Fern, *Matteuccia struthiopteris* and/or Interrupted Fern, *Osmunda claytoniana*;
2. The grass channel/bioswale shall be mowed at least once at the end of each growing season. The grass channel/bioswale shall not be mowed during the growing season.
3. The mitigation to restore 3,200 square feet of buffer zone shall be monitored and maintained for 2 growing seasons. All dead plants shall be replaced, and any alien plants shall be removed off-site.

Other Business:

Project Monitoring:

- **142 Mohawk Trail (DEP #168-0294):** The erosion controls have been installed, and work has started at the ExxonMobil Station. The applicant will need to monitor all planting for 2 growing seasons and provide reporting to the Commission before requesting a certificate of compliance.
- **National Grid A127/B128 Reconductoring and Refurbishment Project at Structure 161A (Amended Order of Conditions for DEP # 168-0278):** The applicant applied wetland seed mix and installed 20 hardstem bulrush and 20 pickerelweed plugs (total of 40) at the Structure 161A mitigation site. There was also some arrowleaf tearthumb naturally coming up, which was not in the seed mix we applied. Blasiak conducted a site inspection and would like to conduct a follow-



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up site inspection later in the growing season to ensure the plants and seed mix have become established.

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Correspondence:

- **43 Country Club Road:** The Commission will be receiving a NOI for repair work needed for a bridge and adjacent retaining wall. The applicant would like to set up an informal site visit with the Commission before filing the NOI. The applicant will contact the Commission about scheduling in the next month or two.
- **Outfall at the Intersection of Route 5/10 and Cheapside Street:** Robert Natario, MassDOT is looking into funding opportunities for the repair work needed for the outfall located at the intersection of Route 5/10 and Cheapside Street.

Site Visit Scheduling:

- **32 Eunice Williams Drive:** Meet on-site at 4:30pm on June 16, 2015

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 25, 2015, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development;
114 Main Street

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Nevins, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak
Chair