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Minutes of Tuesday, November 10, 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
Matthias Nevins

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

ABSENT: Thomas DeHoyos
Gail Miller

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2015.

MOTION: Moved by Nevins approve the Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2015, seconded by Mosher.

Discussion Blasiak stated the minutes are inaccurate and incomplete and provided examples of where the minutes should better clarified. For example, there is no mention in the minutes that Don Ouellette, DPW Director expressed reluctance to work with the Commission with the advising of street tree selection, and cited previous stringent controls placed on past DPW projects by the Commission. There was no mention in the minutes that Ouellette expressed annoyance that the Commission delayed the unblocking of an existing culvert along a trail at Highland Park and that the Commission placed stringent conditions on the work. There is no mention in the minutes that Blasiak pointed out that the Commission went out of their way to allow DPW to unblock the culvert. There is no mention in the minutes that the Commission independently conducted a site visit of the blocked culvert to assess the problem. There is no mention in the minutes that the Commission placed conditions to ensure the project would not have any negative impacts to the surrounding wetlands, including a Certified Vernal Pool.

The minutes did not mention that Ouellette told the Commission that the plant selection for Town projects is already reviewed by DPW staff and the Greenfield Tree Committee and that he does not think another Board/Commission is needed to review plant selection.



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Nevins and Mosher mentioned that the minutes were acceptable and did not require more clarification.

Voted 2-0-0 to accept the minutes from October 27, 2015.

The minutes did not pass and the Agent was directed by the Chair to submit revised Minutes for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

Other Business:

- **142 Mohawk Trail (DEP #168-0294): Monitoring Report:** The Applicant submitted their October 2015 project inspection report. Plantings were inspected by Synergy on October 7, 2015. Plants were generally found to be healthy. The *Matteuccia struthiopteris* (Ostrich Fern) is deciduous, and the fronds were beginning to yellow. One *Clethra ainifolia* (Sweet Pepperbush) located to the east of the gabion wall was dead. There are areas of the project where the wetlands seed mix did not germinate, and the silt fence was sagging near the western end. The seed mix vendor was contacted on October 27, 2015, and advised that, if additional seeding was performed on that date, germination would not occur until spring. Given the likelihood of rain washing the seed away and wildlife feeding on the seed, a decision was made to wait until spring to perform additional seeding. The silt fence was repaired on October 13, 2015.

Synergy will perform re-seeding as necessary in the spring of 2016; replace one *Clethra ainifolia* (Sweet Pepperbush); and will conduct inspections per the approved OOC in June and October 2016.

- **208 Mohawk Trail (DEP #168-0305 & 168-0306)** –All structures have been removed off-site. Contractors are currently backfilling and leveling all disturbed areas. The contaminated soil pile located within the 25-ft No Disturb Zone still remains in place. The contractor hopes to have it removed and properly disposed of in the next month. All erosion and sedimentation barriers are satisfactorily in place.
- **1 College Drive (DEP #168-0307)** Greenfield Community College (GCC) is planning to start work on the boardwalk in December. GCC will start earth moving and other portions of the project in the spring of 2016.
- **Rt.2A/Shelburne Road/River Street Intersection (DEP #168-0297)** – The concrete sidewalk with granite curbing has been constructed along the south bound side of Shelburne Road. Contractors are currently installing the guard rail along the Green River side of the road and are



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constructing the retaining wall which will help stabilize the bank. All erosion and sedimentation barriers are satisfactorily in place.

- **Green River Covered Bridge Rehabilitation, Eunice Williams Drive (DEP #168-0286)** – The replacement trees have been planted. One of the trees appears to be in bad health and should be replaced.

Project Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 24th, 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 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak
Chair