GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Tuesday, January 23, 2018
7:00 p.m. Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
114 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Timothy Mosher at 7:04 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT:
Timothy Mosher, Chair
Erika LaForme
John Griffin
Rachel Lindsay

ABSENT:
Doug Cloutier

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2017

MOTION: Moved by LaForme, seconded by Griffin, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to approve the meeting minutes from December 19, 2017 as amended.

Other Business:

- Request for Emergency Certification: National Grid: Dawn Travailini of National Grid was in attendance to present the issue to the Commission. She handed out materials to the Commission members. The immediate need for the Emergency Certification is to install guy wires, plank anchors, push braces, and cable braces for Line Y177 - Structure 244; Line E205E - Structure 452 (Access to structures by 91 Glenbrook Drive, Greenfield, MA). For each structure, install 2 guys per pole (to keep the poles from going forward and sideways), approximately 15 feet apart and flared; install 1 plank anchor per guy, for a total of plank anchors; install 2 push braces per pole (to keep the poles from going back), approximately 25 feet from the pole, in line with the line; and install 1 cable "X" brace between the 2 poles for the Y177 Line. They have obtained approval from the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program to proceed with the emergency work (4 endangered species are present in the area). They will need a longer term solution to this problem with engineering input. They will have a team look at the poles again in the Spring.
MOTION: Moved by Griffin, seconded by LaForme, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to approve the Emergency Certification to secure the utility poles.

- Request for Emergency Certification: Punch Brook Culvert – Plum Tree Lane: Request for an Emergency Certification requested by the Greenfield Department of Public Works to trap beaver and remove the existing beaver dam at the Punch Brook culvert at Plum Brook Lane. The work was approved by Maureen Pollock and completed on January 20, 2018. The Emergency Certification Form was signed by all members of the Commission present.

Other Business:

The Commission members discuss the issue of ice skating on Highland Pond.

Correspondence:

The MACC Annual Conference will be held on March 3, 2018. Members can participate.

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development; 114 Main Street.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Griffin, seconded by Lindsay, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Twarog, AICP
Director of Planning and Development

Timothy Mosher
Chair