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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
Online via Zoom
Greenfield MA 01301

The meeting was called to order by Travis Drury at 6:30 p.m. with the following members:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Travis Drury (Chair)
Fletcher Harrington (Vice Chair)
Christin McDonough
Erika LaForme

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
Joan Adler
Rachel Loeffler
Jess Schoendorf
Zach Howard
Kris Pitney

Should any technical interruption to the meeting occur and the meeting is suddenly ended, it will not be resumed and all items will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting date. Contact the Conservation Agent for more information

Administrative Matters

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/26/2023

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 9/26/2023 as amended

Seconded by Fletcher

Language will be added to explain redevelopment and how it relates to the Cheapside Street & Montague City Road project. “Length” will be changed to “width” in regards to the project’s sidewalk expansion after confirming in the recording of the meeting. It will be clarified that the Order of Resource Area Delineation did not confirm the boundaries of the Riverfront Area for the 340 Leyden Road project.

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Fletcher AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 4-0-0



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Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings

- **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Bank stabilization at the Green River Swimming Area (Map R27, Lot 18) DEP # 168-0356 Continued from 9/26/2023**

Alan Twarog of the Department of Public Works made another request to continue the hearing to the next meeting. The response to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program is still in progress.

Motion by Travis to continue the hearing for the bank stabilization project at the Green River Swimming Area (DEP #168-0356) to the meeting on 10/24/2023

**Seconded by Erika
No further discussion**

**Christin ABSTAIN
Erika AYE
Fletcher AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes 3-0-1**

- **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Solar project at 340 Leyden Road (Map R29, Lot 4) DEP # 168-0357 Continued from 9/26/2023**

The applicant requested a continuance to the next meeting as they respond to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's and the Conservation Commission's comments.

Motion by Travis to continue the hearing for the solar project at 340 Leyden Road (DEP # 168-0357) to the meeting on 10/24/2023

**Seconded by Erika
No further discussion**

**Christin AYE
Erika AYE
Fletcher AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes 4-0-0**

- **Public Meeting: Extension Request for Order of Conditions: Solar array installation at 1417 Bernardston Road (Map R10, Lot 9) DEP # 168-0329**

The project is within its final stages. A recent change to the Order of Conditions was approved by the Conservation Commission, which removed the solar arrays from the Greenfield portion of the project. Poles



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must be installed and underground trenching must be done to connect them. Final clean-up and restabilization is also needed. There is an enforcement issue on site regarding one of the culverts, although this existed before work on this project started.

Motion by Christin to issue an extension on the Order of Conditions for the project at 1417 Bernardston Road (DEP #168-0329) for 1 year

Seconded by Fletcher
No further discussion

Erika AYE
Christin AYE
Fletcher AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes 4-0-0

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

➤ Request for Certificate of Compliance – 739 Bernardston Road (DEP # 168-0336)

The stormwater management systems have stabilized. Rachel Loeffler of the Berkshire Design Group stated that the monitoring reports for the stormwater management systems and replication area show success. Only 5 of planted trees had died and replacement trees were planted as required. Christin mentioned that the monitoring reports were not done using the Army Corps of Engineers data forms. Fletcher stated that the wetland replication area seemed well established. Changes to the plan has been reviewed and approved by the Commission. Rachel submitted what they able to obtain from the contractor as the as built. She stated that a more detailed as built would cost the school 10,000 dollars.

Motion by Fletcher to issue a Complete Certification with ongoing conditions 64, 84, 86-92 existing in perpetuity

Seconded by Erika

Christin stated that the Order of Conditions for replication projects should specify that the Army Corps of Engineers wetland forms should be used for monitoring for future projects

Erika AYE
Christin AYE
Fletcher AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes

➤ Outreach to fill Conservation Commission seat vacancy



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The Franklin Regional Council of Governments was contacted for further outreach. Joan stated that she has interest in potentially joining the Conservation Commission. She was on the Commission previously until 2007. She is a retired lawyer with a degree in natural resources. She’s interested in conservation, especially regarding the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area.

Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

No updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 PM

**Motion by Christin to adjourn the meeting
Motion seconded by Fletcher
No further discussion
4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mitchell Vye,
Conservation Agent**

**Travis Drury,
Chair**