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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 24, 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)
Caroline Booth
Jeff Murphy
Colleen Debenedetto
Tony Martino
Elizabeth Garofalo

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 10/10/2023

Motion by Erika to approve the meeting minutes from 10/10/2023

Seconded by Fletcher

No further discussion

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Fletcher AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 4-0-0

Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings



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- **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Foundation replacement Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Foundation replacement at 177-179 Chapman Street (Map 69, Lot 32)**
- **(Map 69, Lot 32)**

All machinery would be within the paved parking area behind the house and wouldn't enter the lawn area. The applicant, Tony Martino, stated that a silt fence could be used if needed. The project is planned to be completed in fewer than 10 days. Excavation and digging would take about 5 days and will be done on dry days. The work is all within the existing footprint. The stream is not perennial, but the work is within 100 feet of the bank, making the project within its buffer zone. The project would also be within Riverfront Area of the intermittent stream under the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance. Work will begin as soon as possible. Depending on the soil type, there may not be a stockpile.

**Motion by Fletcher to issue a Negative Determination Type 3 for the project at 177-179 Chapman Street
Seconded by Erika**

Staked straw bales, silt fencing, or other adequate erosion controls shall be used. Work during rain events shall be avoided.

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

**Motion by Fletcher to issue a Negative Determination Type 6 for the project at 177-179 Chapman Street
Seconded by Christin**

No further discussion

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

- **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Bank stabilization at the Green River Swimming Area (Map R27, Lot 18) DEP # 168-0356 Continued from 10/10/2023**



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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 Erika to continue the hearing for the bank stabilization project at the Green River Swimming Area (DEP #168-0356) to the meeting on 11/14/2023

Seconded by Fletcher

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 10/10/2023**

The Department of Environmental Protection commented that the Riverfront Area actually starts at the outlet point of the pond. Subsequently, the proposed stormwater basin is outside of the Riverfront Area. Plans have been updated to reflect that this is actually a buffer zone-only project. The stormwater report has been updated as well. The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program determined that this project will not result in a prohibited Take of state-listed rare species. The work is about 30-35 feet from the Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The area will revegetate and return to current conditions after the solar arrays are installed. The basin will have 80% total suspended solids removal. There were no public comments.

Motion by Fletcher to close the public hearing for the solar project at 340 Leyden Road DEP #168-0357

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Fletcher AYE

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 4-0-0

Motion by Fletcher to issue an Order of Conditions solar project at 340 Leyden Road DEP #168-0357

Seconded by Erika

“Permanently” will be stricken from condition #26 of the boiler plate conditions.

Erika AYE

Fletcher AYE



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Travis AYE
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Other Business & Enforcement Updates

➤ Outreach to fill Conservation Commission seat vacancy

Elizabeth Garofalo is interested in joining the Conservation Commission. She has a master’s degree in Plant and Soil sciences and is knowledgeable in ecology and wetland science.

Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 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