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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 14, 2023**  
**Greenfield Department of Planning and Development**  
**Online via Zoom**  
**Greenfield MA 01301**

The meeting was called to order by Travis Drury at 6:31 p.m. with the following members:

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mitchell Vye (Agent)  
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 10/24/2023**

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 10/24/2023  
Seconded by Travis  
No further discussion

Erika AYE  
Christin AYE  
Travis AYE  
Motion passes 3-0-0

**Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings**

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The hearing for the project at the Green River Swimming Area was moved to the end of the agenda.

**Other Business & Enforcement Updates**

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Fletcher joined the meeting at around 6:35



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- Emergency Certification - Embankment and outfall repair at 47 Cheapside Street

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation proposed to repair a culvert outfall on Cheapside Street. The existing culvert will be extended and will terminate with an 18” flared end. Riprap will be used to reduce scour and erosion. Geotextile fabric will be used to eliminate future potential washouts from storm events. The project area is in Priority Habitat of Rare Species and must receive approval by the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program. Mark Stinson will be contacted about the Emergency Certification process for work within Priority Habitat.

**Motion by Fletcher to ratify the Emergency Certification for the Embankment and outfall repair at 47 Cheapside Street  
Seconded by Erika**

**Erika AYE  
Fletcher AYE  
Christin AYE  
Travis AYE  
Motion passes**

- Conservation Area boundary marking

A mockup sign will be made that is similar to the previous design. The word “town” will be replaced by “city”.

- Outreach to fill Conservation Commission seat vacancy

Elizabeth is interested in joining. She is an educator at UMass Amherst with a background in agriculture. Christin stated that Elizabeth would be a great addition to the Commission. Elizabeth inquired about site visits. The Commission stated that members go when they are able, depending on their schedules. Elizabeth will email her qualifications to the mayor. Emily Boss is also still interested in joining, who would be able to fill Fletcher’s seat once he leaves.

**Motion by Fletcher to send a letter of recommendation to the mayor for Elizabeth’s appointment to the Commission  
Seconded by Erika  
Travis will write the letter.**

**Fletcher AYE  
Erika AYE  
Christin AYE  
Travis AYE**



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**Motion passes 4-0-0**

- Any topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the posting of this agenda

The Greenfield Recreation Department is requesting Community Preservation Act funds for Constructing uniform wayfinding signage and map kiosks that fit into the natural landscape that will enhance the user experience. Recreation Director, Christy Moore, requested a letter of support from the Conservation Commission.

**Motion by Fletcher to issue a letter of support to the Community Preservation Community for the wayfinding project**

**Seconded by Christin**

**Erika AYE**

**Christin AYE**

**Fletcher AYE**

**Travis AYR**

**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 10/24/2023**

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 11/28/2023**

**Seconded by Fletcher**

**No further discussion**

**Fletcher AYE**

**Erica AYE**

**Christin ABSTAIN**

**Travis AYE**

**Motion passes 3-0-1**

**Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling**

None.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 PM**



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**Motion by Christin to adjourn the meeting**

**Motion seconded by Erika**

**No further discussion**

**4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mitchell Vye,**

**Conservation Agent**

**Travis Drury,**

**Chair**