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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 26, 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)
Christin McDonough
Erika LaForme

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fletcher Harrington (Vice Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
Claire Hilsinger
David Goldstein
Chris Larose
Alan Twarog

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 12/12/2023

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 12/12/2023

Seconded by Erika

The word “the” will be removed in the phrase “become the thick”.

It will be specified that the buffer zone that the Leyden Road water main project is in is that of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Christin AYE

Erika AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings



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➤ **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Bank stabilization at the Green River Swimming Area (Map R27, Lot 18) DEP # 168-0356 Continued from 12/12/2023**

Alan Twarog of the Department of Public Works made another request to continue the hearing to the next meeting. The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program has not provided a determination yet. It has been longer than 30 days since the requested information was provided to NHESP, although the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions recommends waiting until a determination is made even after 30 days.

Motion by Travis to continue the hearing for the bank stabilization project at the Green River Swimming Area (DEP #168-0356) to January 9th, 2024

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Erica AYE

Christin ABSTAIN

Travis AYE

Motion passes 2-0-1

➤ **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Culvert replacement on Shelburne Road DEP # 168-358 Continued from 12/12/2023**

A continuance was requested by the applicant while they work on responses to the Department of Environmental Protection and Commission's comments.

Motion by Travis to continue the hearing on the culvert replacement on Shelburne Road (DEP # 168-358) to January 9th, 2024

Seconded by Christin

No further discussion

Christin AYE

Erika AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

➤ **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Water line installation on Leyden Road to the Greenfield Swimming Area Continued from 12/12/2023**

The parking lot, which is the proposed stockpiling location, is relatively flat. The use of 6-inch straw wattles around the stockpile was suggested. Construction would take around 4-6 weeks. Compost filter tubes could be



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used as well if wattles cannot be staked at that location. All proposed work would be 10 feet from the road at most.

Motion by Christin to issue Negative Determinations Types 2 and 5 for the water line project on Leyden Road

Seconded by Erika

Staked straw wattles or compost filter tubes shall be installed around stockpiles.

Silt sacks shall be used for catch basins.

Work shall be avoided during rain events as much as practicable.

Stockpiles shall be covered when rain is predicted.

The Conservation Commission must approve a dewatering plan if dewatering is necessary.

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

➤ **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Invasive species removal at 108 Deerfield Street (Map 24, Lot 39)**

The proposed project is for the removal of Norway maples and other invasive plants. While the plants are invasive, the Commission mentioned that they help prevent erosion on this steep slope. A list of native plants was provided by the applicant, who plans to replace the removed plants. Christin recommended sycamores and silver maples. A portion of the area is priority habitat, which requires a determination from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program before the Commission can issue a wetlands permit.

Motion by Christin to continue the meeting for the invasive species removal project at 108 Deerfield Street to January 9th, 2024

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Christin AYE

Erika AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

➤ Request for Certificate of Compliance - Greenfield 28W Line Rebuild Project (DEP # 168-0348)



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Six concrete blocks were installed rather than the proposed chain linked fence to better prevent cars from getting through and hitting the switchgears. There is a stockpile and tire tracks present, although not due to Eversource or this project. The area has revegetated. There are typically no as-built or engineered plans for this type of project.

Motion by Erika to issue a Complete Certification for the Greenfield 28W Line Rebuild Project (DEP # 168-0348) with ongoing conditions, 70, 72-78, existing in perpetuity
Seconded by Travis

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

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

Fletcher Harrington has submitted his letter of resignation from the Commission, effective January 24th. Regarding the bank stabilization project at the Green River Swimming Area, Travis stated that the Rule of Necessity would allow Christin to vote despite a conflict of interest if the Commission did not have enough members to approve the project without her. Elizabeth did not get appointed to the Commission. City Council did not approve any new appointments to allow for the new mayor to make the appointments instead once she is sworn in.

Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

No updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 PM

Motion by Christin to adjourn the meeting
Motion seconded by Erika
No further discussion

Erika AYE
Christin AYE
Travis AYE
3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Vye,
Conservation Agent

Travis Drury,
Chair