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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 23, 2024
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
Emily Boss (Alternate)
Elizabeth Garofalo (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fletcher Harrington (Vice Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
Kevin Barbara
Matthew Lundsted
Ryan Whitney

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 1/9/2024

Motion by Erika to approve the meeting minutes from 1/9/2024
Seconded by Christin
No further discussion

Erika AYE
Christin 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 1/9/2024**

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.

Motion by Travis to continue the hearing for the bank stabilization project at the Green River Swimming Area (DEP #168-0356) to February 13th, 2024

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Erika 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 1/9/2024**

Alternatives for the replacement stream crossing were presented. Matthew of Comprehensive Environmental Inc. saw no advantage to doing the 18-foot culvert, which would be much more costly. Christin stated that undersized culverts such as this one often have bank erosion. Matthew stated that this stream is naturally armored. Christin is agreeable to allowing administrative approval for dewatering plans. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection noted that it is important that a continuous thalweg be maintained through the structure, which the applicant acknowledged. A note was added to the plan calling out the thalweg. Christin prefers round stones to angular ones for an increase in void space. There were no public comments

Motion by Erika to close the hearing on the culvert replacement on Shelburne Road (DEP # 168-358)

Seconded by Travis

No further discussion

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

Motion by Erika to issue an Order of Conditions for the culvert replacement on Shelburne Road (DEP # 168-358)

Seconded by Christin



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For any dewatering, a dewatering plan must be submitted and approved by the Commission or its agent. Native stones found on site shall be used to the extent practicable. The use of other stones must be approved by the Commission or its agent.

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

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

➤ Emergency Certification ratification – Eunice Williams Drive

The Department of Public Works proposed the removal of material in an intermittent stream on the discharge side of the 15-inch drain pipe under Eunice Williams Drive. The built-up material affects water flow and has caused the road to become flooded in the past. DPW uses this road for access to the pumping station. The Emergency Certification was issued on the conditions that the removed material shall be brought off site and that only enough material to unclog the culvert shall be removed.

Motion by Christin to ratify the Emergency Certification for the project on Eunice Williams Drive
Seconded by Erika
No further discussion

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

➤ Conservation Land boundary signage

The city has around 400 boundary signs, which will be put up on its Conservation Areas. Boundaries will be confirmed using surveys if any are accessible.

➤ Oak Hill Road (Map R20, Lot 14) – unauthorized tree cutting in Riverfront Area.

The violator will be notified that his presence is being requested at one of the next two Conservation Commission meetings to discuss the remediation process.

Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

No updates.



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Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 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