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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 13, 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
Elizabeth Garofalo (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emily Boss (Alternate)

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
John Shultis
Patricia O'Neil
Nancy Hazard
Chris Lyman
Jackie Barisino
Drew Barisino
Courtney Walker
Peter Wackernagel
Don Barisano

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 1/23/2024

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 1/23/2024

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Christin AYE

Erika AYE



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Travis AYE
Motion passes 3-0-0

Vice-Chair Election

Erika nominated Christin for the position of vice-chair.

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

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 1/23/2024**

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. Travis stated that Elizabeth could vote on this project in the future if she reviews the recording on past discussions per the Mullin Rule.

Motion by Travis to continue the hearing for the bank stabilization project at the Green River Swimming Area (DEP #168-0356) to February 27th, 2024
Seconded by Erika
No further discussion

Christin ABSTAIN
Erika AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes 2-0-1

- **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Invasive species removal at 108 Deerfield Street (Map 24, Lot 39) Continued from 1/23/2024**

Plants with less shade were preferred for the replacement plantings due to the nearby solar panels. Patricia from the public stated her concern for flooding in the area. This area is outside of the flood zone. The applicant will be contacted and asked if planting 1 or 2 shade trees would be possible without negatively affecting the solar panels. Permission was granted by the applicant prior to meeting to continue to the next meeting if needed.



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**Motion by Christin to continue the meeting for invasive species removal at 108 Deerfield Street to February 27th, 2024
Seconded by Erika**

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

➤ **Public Hearing: Local Notice of Intent/Request for Determination of Applicability: Single-family house on Pickett Lane (Map R23, Lot 49B)**

The proposed project involves site clearing and grading for the construction of a new single-family house. The wetland delineation from a previous single-family house project was used for the plans and expires in April, 2024, although Christin stated her concern that it was unclear where the project was proposed in relation to the resource areas. The parcel is within estimated and priority habitat, but all the work is outside it. Erosion controls were proposed around the entire project area. The Commission questioned whether the inner 100 foot Riverfront Area should be permanently demarcated. Patricia from the public inquired if these alternatives included driveway locations. After reviewing the alternative designs, Travis stated that Alternative F seemed reasonable.

**Motion by Erika to close the public hearing for the local Notice of Intent on Pickett Lane
Seconded by Christin**

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

**Motion by Travis to issue a Negative Determination Type 3 and Positive Determination Type 5 for the project on Pickett Lane
Seconded by Erika**

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

➤ **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Pedestrian curb ramp and sidewalk reconstruction at the intersection of Deerfield Street and Petty Plain Road**



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The purpose of this project is to facilitate improvements of street to sidewalk access ramps necessary to serve individuals with disabilities and enhance safety under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The work is primarily within existing MassDOT Right-of-Way and involves primarily the reconstruction to conform to current ADA requirements. The proposed design includes pavement milling and overlay, pedestrian curb ramps, and sidewalk reconstruction. The exemption for Riverfront Area is met for pavement repair, resurfacing, and reclamation of existing roadways aside from 76 square feet of impervious surface required for widening the sidewalk, which is on the opposite side of the Green River. Sediment control measures are proposed and silt sacks will be installed at catch basins. There is no subgrade work proposed. The work will be completed this summer and will take roughly 2 weeks.

**Motion by Christin to issue a Negative Determination Type 2 for the project at the intersection of Deerfield Street and Petty Plain Road
Seconded by Erika**

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

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

➤ Millers Meadow planting project

The City of Greenfield is planning to apply for a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant. The plan involves the planting of a forest and meadow area, educational signage, and invasive species removal at Millers Meadow. The Conservation Commission approved of the initial concept of the project. The mayor's approval will be needed.

➤ Conservation Land boundary signage

**Motion by Christin to use \$16.71 from the Conservation Fund for the purchase of nails to use for Conservation Area boundary signs.
Seconded by Erika**

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

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

The violator prefers to meet with the Commission before discussion the violation at a meeting.



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Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

No updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:04 PM

Motion by Christin to adjourn the meeting

Motion seconded by Erika

No further discussion

3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Vye,

Conservation Agent

Travis Drury,

Chair