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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 27, 2024
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)
Christin McDonough (Vice-Chair)
Erika LaForme
Emily Boss (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Garofalo

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
John Shultis
Nancy Hazard
Beth Parent
Billie Li
Effie Arvanitis
Aaron Simms
Drew Barisano
Mike Pertin
Jesse Robertson
Yichao Yu
Bob Obear

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 2/13/2024

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 2/13/2024

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion



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

Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings

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

Motion by Erika to issue an Order of Conditions for the single-family house on Pickett Lane (Alternative F)

Seconded by Travis

The deed shall state that there shall be no further clearing of intermittent stream Riverfront Area without further permitting with the Conservation Commission

The boundary of the first 100 feet of the Riverfront Area shall be clearly demarcated and approved by the Conservation Commission or its agent.

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

- **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Bank stabilization at the Green River Swimming Area (Map R27, Lot 18) DEP # 168-0356 Continued from 2/13/2024**

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 March 12th, 2024

Seconded by Erika
No further discussion

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



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

Several of the Norway maples were actually silver maples and will not be removed. A white cedar was proposed to be planted where it will not impact the solar panels.

**Motion by Erika to issue a Negative Determination Type 2 for the project at 108 Deerfield Street
Seconded by Christin**

No herbicide shall be used.

Only native species according to “The Vascular Plants of Massachusetts: A County Checklist (2011)” shall be planted.

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

➤ **Public Meeting: Extension for Determination of Applicability: Building expansion at 105 Mohawk Trail (Map 46, Lot 23)**

The building expansion project is being finalized. The Determination of Applicability currently expires on March 3rd. Construction on the building is mostly done. Construction on the inside and parking lot needs to be completed and should be done by the end of the year. The work began as an Order of Conditions. A Determination of Applicability was issued for the remainder of the work after the Order had expired.

Motion by Travis to issue an extension for 1 year for the 105 Mohawk Trail project

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

➤ **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Structure repair at 40-42 Colrain Street (Map 48, Lot 12)**

The project proposes the repair of a concrete wall, installation of four sonotube footings to the front of the existing deck, and the installation of six sonotube footings to accommodate rear repair of the existing deck. There would be some stockpiling briefly for 2-3 days. The applicant stated that the piles could be covered if the Commission preferred. The holes for the sonotubes would be backfilled on the same day. Christin suggested



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straw wattles for erosion controls rather than a silt fence. The Commission stated that there are exemptions for accessory structures to houses.

**Motion by Christin to issue a Negative Determination Type 2 for the project at 40-42 Colrain Street
Seconded by Erika**

Straw wattles shall be installed for erosion control

Work shall be done on days forecasted to be dry. No work shall be done on days with more than 0.25 inches of rainfall.

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

➤ **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Resurfacing at Cheapside Street/Montague City Road DEP # 168-0359**

The project will provide new roadway pavement and markings, add pedestrian and bicycle accommodations to provide safety for modes of transportation, and improve the inadequate drainage system by replacing deteriorated drainage structures and pipes, and adding structures where needed. The project is proposed as redevelopment. There would be 9,700 square feet of permanent impacts to resource areas. Deep sump catch basins would be used as stormwater control measures. Resurfacing is a minor activity under the Wetlands Protection Act. Billie from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation stated that the performance standards are being met to extent practicable. The Department of Environmental Protection commented that redevelopment requires an improvement over existing conditions. Billie stated that planting native species was not feasible due to the area being lawn and homeowners would prefer grass seed. Some small areas could use native seeds. Christin would like to see more improvements, although Billie stated that this project has footprint restraints. There were no public comments.

Motion by Christin to close the public hearing for the project at Cheapside Street/Montague City Road DEP #168-0359

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Christin AYE

Erika AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

Motion by Erika to approve the project at Cheapside Street/Montague City Road DEP #168-0359

Seconded by Travis



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No further discussion

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Christin AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes 3-0-0

Motion by Travis to issue an Order of Conditions for the project at Cheapside Street/Montague City Road DEP #168-0359
Seconded by Erika
Native seed mix shall be used in disturbed areas within DOT’s right-of-way within resource areas.

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

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

- 1245 Bernardston Road - Solar development amendment

Applicant is proposing preconstruction seeding to establish quickly and keep soils in place as natives can take longer to establish. Christin had no issues with a temporary rye being used. The applicant’s preference is for perennial grass. The Commission’s interpretation of Condition 44 is that it refers to annual rye.

- Certificate of Compliance – 200 Mohawk Trail (168-49, 168-0312)

There were no apparent violations to the Order of Conditions or the Wetlands Protection Act found at the site visit. A letter from the engineer stated that the drive-thru project was done according to the approved plans. The existing stormwater patterns were maintained.

Motion by Travis to issue a Complete Certification for the project at 200 Mohawk Trail DEP #168-49
Seconded by Christin
No further discussion

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

Motion by Travis to issue a Complete Certification with ongoing conditions 17, 19, 22, 25 for the project at 200 Mohawk Trail DEP #168-0312



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Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

No updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 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