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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 12, 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
Elizabeth Garofalo

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
Nancy Hazard
Zachary Weiland
Meredith Borenstein
Jeremy Degler
Tracy Sudhalter
Jeff Bruscoe
Mary Westervelt

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 2/27/2024

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 2/27/2024

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Christin AYE

Erika AYE

Elizabeth AYE

Emily AYE



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Travis AYE
Motion passes 5-0-0

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 2/27/2024**

Christin recused herself from the public hearing due to a conflict of interest.

The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program listed conditions that shall be included in an Order of Conditions in order to protect wood turtles. The Wood Turtle Protection Plan is currently in progress. The large stones used would come from onsite. A narrative describing how the project meets each relevant performance standard was provided. The project aims to stabilize the bank with riprap and vegetation and prevent further degradation. The water carrying capacity of the bank will not be altered. Nancy Hazard from the public appreciated the work going into stabilizing the bank. There were no other public comments

Motion by Erika to close the hearing for the project at the Green River Swimming Area DEP # 168-0356
Seconded by Elizabeth
No further discussion

Erika AYE
Elizabeth AYE
Emily AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes 4-0-0

Motion by Erika to approve to project at the Green River Swimming Area DEP # 168-0356
Seconded by Elizabeth
No further discussion

Erika AYE
Elizabeth AYE
Emily ABSTAIN
Travis AYE
Motion passes 3-0-1

Motion by Travis to issue an Order of Conditions for the project at the Green River Swimming Area
DEP # 168-0356
Seconded by Erika



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The Order will list the conditions set by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program in their determination.

The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program-approved Wood Turtle Protection Plan shall be submitted to the Commission prior to the start of work.

There shall be an 85% planting survival rate after 2 growing seasons.

This Order of Conditions shall expire 5 years after the date of issuance.

Erika AYE

Elizabeth AYE

Emily ABSTAIN

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-1

➤ **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Improvements at the Greenfield Water Pollution Control Facility at 384 Deerfield Street (Maps 14, 15, Lots 3A, 1) DEP # 168-360**

The Riverfront Area performance standards are met, although the work is exempt from Riverfront standards under 310 CMR 10.58(6)(h). A 9-inch straw wattle and silt fence would be installed. The laydown area would be within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, but outside of the Riverfront Area. No flood storage volume would be lost. Project would go to bid within the next couple of months. Construction would start end of summer or the start of fall. Christin prefers more time to review the applicant's responses to the Department of Environmental Protection's comments. The applicant agreed to a continuance to the next meeting. There were no public comments.

Motion by Christin to continue to March 26th, 2024 pending further review of material

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Christin AYE

Erika AYE

Emily AYE

Elizabeth AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 5-0-0

Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

➤ Oak Hill Road mitigation

Around 30 hemlocks or pines were cut within the Riverfront Area of a stream mapped as perennial by the United States Geological Survey. Jeff Bruscoe plans on building a home on the lot. Jeff requested another



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month while he waits for information from his wetland scientist. Christin stated that an intermittent stream is still jurisdictional under the City's local wetlands ordinance. This discussion will continue at the April 23rd meeting.

- Certificate of Compliance - Health Camp Road (DEP #: 168-0351) Utility structure relocation

The engineer stated that there were no deviations from the plan. Two poles were left and cut below grade. They are located in the river, which Christin felt was a safety concern. The Commission recommended spray painting the posts to clearly mark them.

Motion by Travis to issue a Complete Certification with ongoing conditions 70, 72-77
Seconded by Erika
No further discussion

Erika AYE
Christin AYE
Elizabeth AYE
Emily AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes 5-0-0

- Millers Meadow planting project

Including invasive species removal with herbicide along the bank would likely require a Notice of Intent, which there may not be time for as the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant application is due at the end of April.

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

Nancy Hazard provided updates on the invasive species removal at Highland Park. Volunteers had cut burning bush, barberry, and other invasive plants.

The Department of Public Works submitted an Emergency Certification for adding riprap along the bank. In steep areas, gabions would be installed so the capacity of the stream bed is not impacted. DPW stated that a mayor rain event could undermine the road. Christin agreed the work had to be done.

Motion by Christin to issue an Emergency Certification for the work on Shelburne Road
Seconded by Elizabeth
No further discussion

Christin AYE



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Motion passes 5-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:59 PM

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

5-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Vye,

Conservation Agent

Travis Drury,

Chair