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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
Online via Zoom
Greenfield MA 01301

The meeting was called to order by Travis Drury at 6:32 p.m. with the following members:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Travis Drury (Chair)
Rachel Lindsay (Vice Chair)
Christin McDonough
Erika LaForme
Fletcher Harrington

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
Alan Twarog
Cody Wilson
Marsha Stone

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 3/14/2023

Motion by Fletcher to approve the minutes from March 14, 2023

Motion seconded by Erika

The minutes now include that the applicants will use a swale for managing stormwater with the explanation that they were not able to use soils for infiltration

The phrase “crush stone” was changed to “crushed stone”

Erika AYE

Fletcher AYE

Christin AYE

Rachel ABSTAIN

Travis AYE

Motion passes 4-0-1

Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings



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➤ **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Fiber optic conduit line installation at 195 Millbrook Road; (Map: R11, Lot: 84)**

No clearing of vegetation is required for this project. The Wetlands Protection Act has exemptions for some installations of utilities within roadways and driveways. A small portion would be within the grass areas near the wells. The railroad tracks are between certain sections of the work and the stream. The trench will be backfilled with the same soil. The disturbed existing lawn areas will be seeded. The work will be completed within 2 days.

Motion by Fletcher for a Negative Determination Type 2

Seconded by Rachel

8-inch straw wattles shall be used between the work by well #1 and the stream to the south as needed

The work shall be done on days that are forecasted to be dry

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Rachel AYE

Fletcher AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 5-0-0

➤ **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Gravel road and vegetation clearing off of Colrain Street; (Map: R26, Lot: 4)**

The proposed gravel road has been reduced from 1,000 feet to 400 feet. It was noted by Mark Stinson from DEP that new agriculture reduces the Riverfront Area to 100 feet. The wetlands would likely need to be delineated for this project to confirm the boundaries in relation to the proposed work. Christin recommended contacting NRCS for information on the permitting process for agriculture. The applicant, Cody Wilson, will also need to file for a MESA project review with NHESP due to the area being within rare species habitat. A list of consultants who can delineate wetlands will be sent to Cody. Cody requested to continue the meeting to April 11th at the Commission's recommendation to obtain more information before a determination is made.

Motion by Travis to approve the continuance for the Request for Determination of Applicability off of Colrain Street to April 11th, 2023

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Fletcher AYE

Rachel AYE



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Travis AYE
Motion passes 5-0-0

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

➤ Amendment to the annual maintenance at 31 Nash’s Mill Road (DEP #: 168-0347)

Christin recused herself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest. Travis believes the scope of the project has changed with this additional work. If a new Notice of Intent was required, it could be submitted as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project. Rachel had concerns about including a one-time project in an Order of Conditions that is for annual maintenance. The Order of Conditions will likely be extended and this proposed amendment will not be closed out in the foreseeable future. It was mentioned that an Emergency Certification could be used as a temporary fix.

Motion by Fletcher to require the filing of a new Notice of Intent for the proposed work
Seconded by Rachel
No further discussion

Fletcher AYE
Rachel AYE
Erika AYE
Travis AYE
Christin ABSTAIN
Motion passes 4-0-1

Project Monitoring, Correspondence & Site Visit Scheduling

No updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM

Motion made by Fletcher to adjourn the meeting
Motion seconded by Erika
No further discussion
5-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Vye,
Conservation Agent

Travis Drury,
Chair