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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 23, 2023**  
**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)  
Fletcher Harrington (Vice Chair)  
Christin McDonough  
Erika LaForme

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mitchell Vye (Agent)  
Diana Walden  
Kylie Abouzeid  
Paul Beede  
Kathy Dougherty  
Toshi Kashima  
Emmalyn Hicks

*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 5/9/2023**

**Motion by Christin to approve the minutes from May 9, 2023**

**Motion seconded by Erika**

**It was clarified that the roadway improvements to Route 2 project is within Riverfront Area, although there were no direct impacts to wetlands or waterways. “Christian” was fixed to “Christin.”**

**Christin AYE**

**Erika AYE**

**Fletcher AYE**

**Travis ABSTAIN**

**Motion passes 3-0-1**



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**Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings**

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- **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Roadway improvements to Route 2 (Mohawk Trail) at the intersections of Colrain Road and several commercial plaza entrances DEP # 168-0355 Continued from 5/9/2023**

Travis watched the recording from the last meeting and can vote per the Mullin Rule.

Other possible mitigation options and stormwater improvements have been examined since the last meeting. Offsite locations were not feasible due to scheduling. One option was removing accumulated fill in the stream channel of Wheeler Brook at the double barrel culvert. The fill prevents water from flowing into the second culvert and is growing Japanese knotweed. This would require review through the Army Corps of Engineer and is not one of the preferred options. Stormwater improvements could also be made to the two paved swales on either side of the Home Depot driveway. Invasive species management was proposed on a Commonwealth-owned depot yard, although MassDOT is shifting ownership to the Environmental Police. A one-time invasive species management along the depot parcel's chain-link fence was also proposed. The preferred option is an infiltration swale in a grassy area to the west of the Big Y driveway. A native seed mix of grasses and forbs was proposed.

MassDOT asked for some discretion from the Commission for not meeting the performance standards. Travis stated that the Commission has discretion with limited projects notwithstanding the provision of Riverfront Area.

The Federal Highway Administration would need to be convinced to allow the Department of Transportation to expand the project area. Christin stated that she feels offsite mitigation could have been looked into sooner. About half of the impacts are temporary. Much of the removed grass is part of the reduced and removed medians.

There were no public comments.

**Motion by Fletcher to close the hearing for the roadway improvements project to Route 2 (DEP # 168-0355)**

**Seconded by Travis**

**No further discussion**

**Erika AYE**

**Christin AYE**

**Fletcher AYE**

**Travis AYE**

**Motion passes 4-0-0**



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**Motion by Fletcher to issue an Order of Conditions for the roadway improvements project to Route 2 (DEP # 168-0355)**

**Seconded by Christin**

**An updated plan with the plans for the mitigation swale shall be sent to the Commission prior to construction**

**No further discussion**

**Erika AYE**

**Christin AYE**

**Fletcher AYE**

**Travis AYE**

**Motion passes 4-0-0**

- **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Deck addition at 56 Cheapside Street; (Map: 9, Lot: 8)**

The proposed work involves the addition of a rear deck around the existing 10 by 20 foot deck. The existing stairs will be removed and two new steps will be installed down to a landing. Silt fencing will be used during construction. The conversion of lawn to certain structures, such as decks, is exempt within Riverfront Area under the Wetlands Protection Act as long as erosion controls are used and the work is at least 50 feet from the mean annual high-water line.

**Motion by Fletcher to issue a Negative Determination Type 5 for the deck addition project at 56 Cheapside Street**

**Seconded by Christin**

**No further discussion**

**Erika AYE**

**Christin AYE**

**Fletcher AYE**

**Travis AYE**

**Motion passes 4-0-0**

- **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Disc golf course at 394/412 Deerfield Street; (Maps: 14, 11, 11, Lots: 2, 4, 5)**

The applicant is proposing the installation of 18 baskets which will be placed in a 2-inch sleeve to a depth that will secure the baskets to the ground and covered with onsite material. Two areas are planned to be practice areas. There would be 18 tee signs installed on a 4 by 3 foot sign post indicating the hole. All structures are removable and nonpermanent. Trash cans would be placed every 2 or 3 holes. A club house will be constructed at a later time and will be a separate filing. No vegetation will be cut other than pruning and on existing lawn.



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**Motion by Travis to issue a Negative Determination Type 2 under the Wetlands Protection Act and  
Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance**  
**Seconded by Fletcher**  
**No further discussion**

**Fletcher AYE**  
**Christin AYE**  
**Erika AYE**  
**Travis AYE**  
**Motion passes 4-0-0**

➤ **Public Hearing: Local Notice of Intent: Swimming pool installation at 373 Hope Street; (Map:  
R01, Lot: 6)**

The hearing was not opened as abutters within 300 feet need to be notified.

**Other Business & Enforcement Updates**

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No updates.

**Project Monitoring, Correspondence & Site Visit Scheduling**

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No updates.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM**

**Motion by Fletcher to adjourn the meeting**  
**Motion seconded by Christin**  
**No further discussion**  
**4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mitchell Vye,**

**Conservation Agent**

**Travis Drury,**

**Chair**