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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
Online via Zoom
Greenfield MA 01301

The meeting was called to order by Travis Drury at 6:40 p.m. with the following members:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Travis Drury (Chair)
Fletcher Harrington (Vice Chair)
Erika LaForme

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christin McDonough

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
Kylie Abouzeid
Kathy Dougherty
Robert Williford
Kacie Dean
Sara Kreisel
Marc Lombard
Michael Nelson
Melissa Lenker

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 5/23/2023

Motion by Erika to approve the minutes from May 23, 2023

Motion seconded by Travis

No further discussion

Erika AYE

Fletcher AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0



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Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings

Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Swimming pool and barn installation at 373 Hope Street; (Map: R01, Lot: 6)

The proposed project is for the installation of an in-ground pool and rustic barn that will be used to store tools and cars. The area for the pool is a barren lawn. The project is within the 200-foot Riverfront of the intermittent stream. A portion is also within 100 feet of the bank. Compacted gravel will likely be used leading into the barn. There is an exemption in the Wetlands Protection Act for converting lawn into accessories of residential structures, such as pools, patios, and sheds if erosion controls are used. The applicant, Marc Lombard, stated that he will install erosion controls as needed.

Motion by Fletcher to issue a Negative Determination Type 5 under the Wetlands Protection Act for the project at 373 Hope Street

Seconded by Erika

It was requested that erosion controls shall be installed and any stockpiles shall be covered.

Fletcher AYE

Erika AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Patio installation and invasive species removal at 282 Wells Street; (Map: 88, Lot: 13)

The project proposes the removal of nonnative plants, the planting of native plants, and the installation of two patios. The non-natives would be removed using mechanical methods. Invasive plants include bittersweet, honeysuckle, and multiflora rose. No soil would be removed. The patios are exempt under the Wetland Protection Act if erosion controls are used.

Motion by Fletcher to issue a Negative Determination Types 3 and 5 under the Wetlands Protection Act for the project at 282 Wells Street

Second by Erika

No further discussion

Erika AYE

Fletcher AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0



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Request for Certificate of Compliance: Franklin County Fairgrounds slope stabilization and wetlands restoration (DEP #: 168-0341)

Michael Nelson stated that the project has been a success and that the wetlands have been restored as planned. The plantings have been monitored during the current and previous growing seasons. The few invasive plants that have come in have been removed. There has been over 90% wetland plant growth. A letter from the engineer and the as-built confirm that the project was done in accordance with the approved plans.

Motion by Erika to issue a complete certification with ongoing conditions 78-84 existing in perpetuity for the project at the Franklin County Fairgrounds (DEP #168-0341)

Seconded by Fletcher

No further discussion

Erika AYE

Fletcher AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

- Route 2 and Colrain Road (DEP #: 168-0355) – Clarifying Order of Conditions

The applicant of the recently approved roadway improvements project made a request to clarify a few of the boilerplate conditions from the Order of Conditions. The Commission stated that certain conditions, such as those that require staging and refueling outside of jurisdictional areas, shall be followed to extent practicable for this project. The 25-foot No Disturb Zone does not need to be marked as the No Disturb Zone does not apply to this project. It was also clarified that erosion controls shall be inspected after every rainfall of at least 0.25 inches in twenty-four hours. Rock salt may be used on major roads and highways. The Department of Transportation’s routine mowing meets the requirement of non-native management set by Condition 78 to the extent practicable. A letter will be sent detailing each of these clarifications.

- 42 Spruce Street (Map 87-57) – unauthorized fill and tree removal within wetland buffer zone.

The fill was removed as requested. A New England wet meadow seed mix was used. The Commission agreed that this satisfied its requests to restore the area.

- 286 Plain Road (Map R34-10) – unauthorized construction within Riverfront Area.

Six blueray blueberries (*Vaccinium corymbosum*) were planted in the Riverfront Area, which are native to the county.



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Motion by Fletcher to issue a complete certification for the restoration plan that was required by the Enforcement Order on the property at 286 Plain Road

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Fletcher AYE

Erika AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 PM

Motion by Erika to adjourn the meeting

Motion seconded by Fletcher

No further discussion

3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Vye,

Conservation Agent

Travis Drury,

Chair