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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 27, 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)
Christin McDonough
Erika LaForme

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fletcher Harrington (Vice Chair) (joined at around 7:00 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
Nancy Hazard
Wisty Rorabacher
Alan Twarog
Stephanie Duclos
Mickey Marcus

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 6/13/2023

The approval of meeting minutes was moved to the end of the meeting with no objections.

Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings

- **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Invasive species removal at the Green River Swimming Area and Green River Conservation Land; (Map: R27, Lots: 16A, 18)**

The project proposes the repeated cutting of invasive plants such as Japanese knotweed, oriental bittersweet, multiflora rose, and Japanese barberry at the Green River Swimming Area and the Green River Conservation Land. Other plants, such as bishop's weed, garlic mustard, and dame's rocket, would be dug out or pulled. The undesired invasive plants will be composted and monitored in dry locations on site. Permission has been obtained by the Greenfield Recreation Department to do the work at the swimming area and permission is being



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requested to extend the work onto the adjacent conservation land. Rare plants were identified by a botanist and will be protected.

Motion by Christin to issue a Negative Determination Type 2 for the project at the Green River Swimming Area and Conservation Land with the condition that the removed invasive plants are stockpiled outside of all resource areas.

Seconded by Fletcher
No further discussion

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

Motion by Travis to send a letter of support for the project and to allow the proposed work at the Green River Conservation Land
Seconded by Christin

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

➤ **Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability: Invasive species removal at Highland Park; (Maps: R01, R01, R02, Lots: 10, 12, 6)**

The project proposes the management of several invasive plant species in multiple areas throughout Highland Park. Around the parking lot perimeter, garlic mustard and purple loosestrife would be pulled. Burning bush and other invasive plants would be cut and pulled along Bears Den Road. Burning bush, barberry, multiflora rose, and dame's rocket are in that area and under the large sugar maple and sycamore. Cuttings would be done over several years as necessary. There are large burning bushes along the power line. Most of the work would be along the roads. These areas are within Riverfront Area, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands buffer zones, and vernal pool buffer zones.

Motion by Fletcher to issue a Negative Determination Type 3 under the Wetlands Protection Act for the project at Highland Park
Seconded by Erika
No further discussion



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

Motion by Fletcher to issue a Negative Determination Type 2 under the Greenfield Wetlands Protection Ordinance for the project at Highland Park
Seconded by Erika
No further discussion

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

➤ **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Bank stabilization at the Green River Swimming Area (Map R27, Lot 18)**

Christin recused herself due to a conflict of interest.

The bank is being weakened with each rain storm. The project proposes repairs to about 300 linear feet of bank along the Green River. The repairs include building out the top of the bank and repairing it to a 2:1 slope. It will be covered with biodegradable coir erosion control fabric. The entire slope will be planted with native shrubs. Large rocks on the beach which were part of the riverbank are proposed to be incorporated back into the toe of the slope to aid in stability. This was not filed as a limited project as the applicant believes that all the performance standards were met. Confirmation of the habitat assessment was requested by the Commission. There is sufficient access for the fill. Work would be done during low water flow. More information on how the project meets performance standards was requested by the Department of Environmental Protection. The project would be done within a few days or a week at most. A continuance was requested as the applicant awaits a response from the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program. The Commission doesn't believe there is a conflict between this project and the project associated with DEP #168-0347, which is for the annual maintenance of the swimming area. There were no public comments.

Motion by Fletcher to continue hearing to July 11th
Seconded by Erika
No further discussion

Fletcher AYE
Erika AYE



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Travis AYE
Motion passes 3-0-0

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

None.

Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

- 15 Greenfield Street (DEP #: 168-0353, Exp. 3/15/2026) Parking lot construction

The pre activity meeting was done. The DEP sign and the erosion controls have been installed. Signatures have been sent to the Commission indicating that those responsible for construction read and understand the Order of Conditions. Construction on the project was planned to start soon after the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/13/2023

Motion by Erika to approve of the meeting minutes from 6/13/2023

Seconded by Fletcher

A word is missing on the second page. “Install” will added before “erosion controls”.

Erika AYE

Fletcher AYE

Christin ABSTAIN

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-1

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM

Motion by Erika to adjourn the meeting

Motion seconded by Fletcher

No further discussion

4-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Vye,

Conservation Agent

Travis Drury,

Chair