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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
Online via Zoom
Greenfield MA 01301

The meeting was called to order by Travis Drury at 6:33 p.m. with the following members:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
Doug Stotz
Emily Boss
Jess Schoendorf
Frances Stotz
Liam Cregan
Jim Boyle

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

Annual Organization Meeting

Fletcher nominated Travis as Chair.
No further discussion

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

Travis nominated Fletcher as Vice Chair
No further discussion



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

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/27/2023

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 6/27/2023
Seconded by Erika
A note should be made that Fletcher joined the meeting at around 7:00 p.m.

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

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 6/27/2023**

Christin recused herself due to a conflict of interest.

Alan Twarog of the Department of Public Works made a request to continue the hearing to the next meeting. The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program had issued its determination and the applicant's response is in progress.

Motion by Travis to continue the hearing for the bank stabilization project at the Green River Swimming Area to 7/25/2023
Seconded by Fletcher
No further discussion

Erika AYE
Fletcher AYE
Christin ABSTAIN
Travis AYE
Motion passes 3-0-1



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Other Business & Enforcement Updates

➤ Stotz Property – Proposed Conservation Restriction

The Franklin Land Trust has been in contact with the Stotz family in regards to conserving part of their land in the form of a Conservation Restriction. The portions of the land that are in Greenfield are parcels R06-17 and R06-18, which are contiguous with other open space areas. The land trust would hold the restriction rather than the City of Greenfield. The Conservation Restriction would restrict development and would provide tax benefits to the owners. The Conservation Commission’s role is signing a Municipal Certification form. The form goes into detail about the area’s public benefits, such as providing wildlife habitats and contributing to the protection of the scenic and natural character of Greenfield. The area also has historic value and is part of the Riverside Archeological District. The Franklin Land Trust requested a letter of support from the Commission for when the Conservation Restriction goes before City Council for approval, which the Commission will consider at a later date. It was mentioned that the Conservation Restriction does not guarantee permanent public access to the area.

Motion by Fletcher to certify and sign the Municipal Certification form for the proposed Conservation Restriction

Seconded by Erika
No further discussion

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

➤ 105 Newton Street (DEP #: 168-0350) - Proposed changes to construction of three storage buildings

A redesign was proposed after it was discovered that 2-story buildings were not feasible here due to significant potential groundwater impacts. The design for Building B was not changed. Building C was replaced by 3 smaller buildings in about the same space. The office was moved, but the size was not changed. Overall, there is still a net loss in degraded area compared to existing conditions. More information on stormwater management was requested, along with a table showing how the currently proposed total degraded area compares to the original proposed total degraded area.

The discussion will continue at the next meeting so that the applicant may obtain more information.

Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

No updates.



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Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 PM

Motion by Christin 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