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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 25, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erika LaForme

ALSO PRESENT: Mitchell Vye (Agent)
Jim Boyle
Stephanie Duclos
Chris Chamberland
Billie Li

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 7/11/2023

Motion by Fletcher to approve the meeting minutes from 7/11/2023

Seconded by Christin

No further discussion

Christin AYE

Fletcher AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

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 7/11/2023**



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Alan Twarog of the Department of Public Works made another request to continue the hearing to the next meeting. The response to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program is still in progress.

Motion by Travis to continue the hearing for the bank stabilization project at the Green River Swimming Area (DEP #168-0356) to the meeting on 8/8/2023

Seconded by Fletcher

No further discussion

Christin ABSTAIN

Fletcher AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 2-0-1

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

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

The applicant is requesting that the project's redesigns be considered for an Amended Order of Conditions. The purpose of the project is unchanged. The applicant stated that the relevant performance standards are still being met and the project will continue to meet Massachusetts Stormwater Standards. More plantings would be done to compensate for the increase in degraded area within the first 100 feet of the stream compared to the original approved plan. Christin prefers to see a focus on keystone species for wildlife habitat.

Motion by Christin to state that the project as presented is consistent with the DEP guidance for Amended Order of Conditions

Seconded by Fletcher

No further discussion

Fletcher AYE

Christin AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-0

- Emergency Certification for roadway repairs on Route 2

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has requested an Emergency Certification for roadway repairs after recent flooding on Route 2 over Fall Brook. MassDOT proposed reestablishing the bank, which includes fine grading, installation of geotextile fabric, and installation of modified riprap. Sinkhole work will include sawcut of the road, localized excavation to the failing drainage structure, patch repair to the structure, backfilling, and necessary road repair using hot mix asphalt.



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Motion by Fletcher to ratify the Emergency Certification for the roadway repairs on Route 2
Seconded by Christin
No further discussion

Fletcher AYE
Christin AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes 3-0-0

- Emergency Certification for roadway and culvert repairs at 7 Newell Pond Place

The Department of Public Works is requesting an Emergency Certification to permit the reconstruction of the culvert and roadway that was washed out on Newell Pond Place from the recent flooding. The road is currently impassable and there are two single-family residences that are now landlocked. The DPW is proposing to upgrade the existing dual barrel 24-inch galvanized pipes with 30-inch reinforced concrete pipes and then reconstruct the roadway to original dimensions. Erosion controls would be installed, unsuitable materials would be removed, and the upgraded pipes would then be installed, which would be 25% embedded. Hot-mix asphalt would be used to reestablish the roadway and the lawn areas will be reestablished with loam and seed.

Motion by Fletcher to ratify the Emergency Certification at 7 Newell Pond Place with the recommendation to follow Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards as much as possible to minimize future issues

Seconded by Christin
No further discussion

Fletcher AYE
Christin AYE
Travis AYE
Motion passes 3-0-0

- Emergency Certification for driveway and culvert repairs at 64 Scout Road

The driveway to 64 Scout Road was washed out and needs to be repaired, along with the culvert there. An emergency was declared by the Greenfield Fire Department. Before the Emergency Certification is issued, it will be confirmed that the new culvert will be the same size or larger than the existing one. Erosion controls will be required as needed. The Commission strongly recommends reviewing the United States Geological Survey Stream Stats and adhering to the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards. The culvert should also be 25% embedded.

Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling



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

The trees have been removed as planned. The erosion controls are still in place.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Motion by Fletcher to adjourn the meeting

Motion seconded by Travis

No further discussion

3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Vye,

Conservation Agent

Travis Drury,

Chair