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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 8, 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)
Chris Polatin
Adriana Hughes
Lucas Acaba
Austin Gelinas

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 7/25/2023

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 7/25/2023

Seconded by Fletcher

No further discussion

Fletcher AYE

Christin AYE

Erika ABSTAIN

Travis AYE

Motion passes 3-0-1

Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings



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➤ **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Bank stabilization at the Green River Swimming Area (Map R27, Lot 18) DEP # 168-0356 Continued from 7/25/2023**

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 8/22/2023

Seconded by Erika

No further discussion

Fletcher AYE

Christin AYE

Erika AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 4-0-0

Other Business & Enforcement Updates

➤ Request for Certificate of Compliance - Roadway improvement at the Wisdom Way/River Street/Mill Street Intersection (DEP #: 168-0338)

The as built was sent to the Commission, along with a letter from the project's engineer that states that everything was done according to the approved plans. The only deviation from the plan was the plantings, which was approved by the Commission prior. The planting of the sweet ferns was confirmed at a site visit by the agent. There were no apparent violations to the Order of Conditions.

Motion by Fletcher to issue a Complete Certification for the project at Wisdom Way/River Street/Mill Street Intersection (DEP #: 168-0338) with ongoing conditions 80-86 existing in perpetuity.

Seconded by Christin

It will be mentioned to the applicant that Massachusetts Vascular Plants County Checklist should be used when determining if a plant is native.

Fletcher AYE

Christin AYE

Erika AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 4-0-0

➤ The Nature Conservancy's Streambank Reforestation Project

Chris Polatin presented a pilot program to reforest flood plains through the Department of Conservation of



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Recreation. There are 6-12 pilot projects planned in the fall or the spring. They are discussing the project with the Commission and landowners about priority areas. These are open grassy areas near stream banks. The program would pay for the project. One of the properties that is considered a priority area is Millers Meadow. Another is near the Franklin County Jail and House of Correction. Hundreds of trees, tubelings, and shrubs would be planted and invasive plants would be managed. Volunteers and stakeholders could be used. Deer cages would be used to protect the trees and shrubs from herbivores. Travis and Christin agreed that this would be great for the Millers Meadow site.

➤ Emergency Certification – Culvert and driveway repair at 64 Scout Road

The Emergency Certification was issued with the agent’s signature after more information was obtained with the conditions that the new culvert should be at least the same size and shall be 25% embedded if practicable.

Motion by Fletcher to ratify the Emergency Certification for the repairs at 64 Scout Road

Seconded by Christin

No further discussion

Fletcher AYE

Christin AYE

Erika AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 4-0-0

➤ Outreach to fill Conservation Commission seat vacancy

Travis reached out to Greening Greenfield and other organizations to find someone interested in joining the Conservation Commission to fill the vacant seat. He will continue to reach out to find potential members. Fletcher will be resigning from the Commission in about 2 months due to relocating for school.

Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Motion by Fletcher to adjourn the meeting

Motion seconded by Christin

No further discussion

4-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,



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Mitchell Vye,
Conservation Agent

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