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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 22, 2023**  
**Greenfield Department of Planning and Development**  
**Online via Zoom**  
**Greenfield MA 01301**

The meeting was called to order by Travis Drury at 6:30 p.m. with the following members:

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mitchell Vye (Agent)  
Jim Boyle  
Chris Chamberland  
Doug Serrill

*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 8/8/2023**

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 8/8/2023

Seconded by Erika

The meeting date will be corrected to read “8/8/2023” rather than “7/25/23”.

Erika AYE

Christin AYE

Fletcher AYE

Travis AYE

Motion passes 4-0-0

**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**



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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 Erika to continue the hearing for the bank stabilization project at the Green River Swimming Area (DEP #168-0356) to the meeting on 9/12/2023**

**Seconded by Fletcher**

**No further discussion**

**Erika AYE**

**Christin ABSTAIN**

**Fletcher AYE**

**Travis AYE**

**Motion passes 3-0-1**

➤ **Public Hearing: Amended Order of Conditions: Storage buildings redesign (Map R24, Lot 11) DEP # 168-350**

The applicant, Jim Boyle is requesting an Amended Order of Conditions with a revised plan that reduces the risk caused by the groundwater that was discovered. Three smaller buildings have replaced the originally proposed larger building in the revised plan. The office building was relocated in the redesign as well. Another single-story storage building is now proposed where the office building was originally proposed. The project is within wetland buffer zone and the intermittent stream's Riverfront Area, but all work is still entirely outside of the 25-foot No Disturb Zone. There are multiple additional native planting areas compared to the original design in order to compensate for the increase in the total amount of paved area compared to the original design. It was noted that the Massachusetts County Checklist should be used for native plantings and that nonnative plants should be removed from the planting list per the Order of Conditions.

The purpose of the project has not changed as it is still a storage building project. All performance standards are still being met. The Stormwater Management Plan has been revised and the project is still in compliance with the Stormwater Management Standards. Overall, there is a decrease in runoff from the existing conditions. There were no public comments.

**Motion by Fletcher to issue an Amended Order of Conditions with the added special condition of at least a 75% plant survival rate after two growing seasons and that a monitoring report shall be submitted. A corrective action plan shall be submitted if the survival rate is less than 75%.**

**Seconded by Erika**

**No further discussion**

**Erika AYE**

**Christin AYE**

**Fletcher AYE**



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**Travis AYE**  
**Motion passes 4-0-0**

**Other Business & Enforcement Updates**

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➤ Proposed Conservation Land on Woodbine Street

Candy Diggins is interested in donating two parcels (124-7 & 124-41) to become Conservation Land. It is about 1.3 acres of forested area in total with a distributary of Cherry Rum Brook running through the area. Portions of the properties are jurisdictional resource areas. The Commission will conduct a site visit before the next meeting. Other untouched adjacent land could be added to the new Conservation Land if the owners are interested in donating or selling to the city. A title examination should be done before accepting any donated land.

➤ Outreach to fill Conservation Commission seat vacancy

The Commission members will continue to seek possible new members to fill the vacant seat. Fletcher will be resigning at the end of October.

**Project Monitoring, Correspondence, & Site Visit Scheduling**

None.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM**

**Motion by Christin to adjourn the meeting**

**Motion seconded by Erika**

**No further discussion**

**4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mitchell Vye,**

**Conservation Agent**

**Travis Drury,**

**Chair**