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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 12, 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)

*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 8/22/2023**

Motion by Christin to approve the meeting minutes from 8/22/2023 as amended  
Seconded by Erika

The specific resource areas were clarified for the project at 105 Newton Street. “Wetlands” was changed to “jurisdictional areas” in the section regarding the proposed Conservation Land on Woodbine Street.

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 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.



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**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 9/26/2023**

**Seconded by Fletcher**  
**No further discussion**

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

**Other Business & Enforcement Updates**

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➤ Proposed Conservation Land on Woodbine Street

A site visit to the property was conducted. It is a forested area with a tributary to Cherry Rum Brook running through it. There were no issues other than small amounts of trash and some invasive plants, which were mainly burning bush. Access to the property is through the city-owned parcel that was a proposed road. The Commission suggested using the land for educational purposes and adding a walkway and kiosk. Quotes for the title examination will be obtained for the next meeting. Community Preservation Committee money could be used to purchase the abutting land if the owners were interested in adding their properties to the conservation land.

➤ Outreach to fill Conservation Commission seat vacancy

Travis will reach out to the Recreation Commission and the Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee to look for any interest in joining the Conservation Commission. Fletcher will reach out to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments once he finds the right person to contact.

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

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

The revised Notice of Intent form was sent to the Commission as required by the Order of Conditions.

➤ New England Power Company - Notification of Exempt Utility Activities

The New England Power Company notified the Commission of necessary utility maintenance activities to replace a damaged pole within the existing right-of-way off the southeast side of Green River Road. It is outside of the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland, although the existing off-ROW access road from



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Green River Road will require spanning an unnamed intermittent stream where it crosses the access road. All work is considered normal maintenance of an existing facility used in the service of providing electricity to the public. Construction mats and erosion and sediment controls will be used as necessary to avoid and minimize impacts to wetland resource areas.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 PM**

**Motion by Fletcher 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**