

# **Greenfield Conservation Commission**

Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Michelle Hall

October 23, 2019

Members Attending: Roger Lessard, Karen Day, Stephanie Kokal, Carol Irvin, Kate Dean

Absent Members: Candi Fowler

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairperson Roger Lessard.

## Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes

The GCC members all agreed with the previous minutes. Karen motioned to accept minutes as written. Seconded by Stephanie. Motion passed 5-0-0.

## Discussion of Minimum Impact Wetlands Application at 792 Forest Road

Raymond Cilley came to speak to the GCC about his recent purchase of the old Greenfield Garage. He explained that he would like to restore as much of the original building as he can. Mr. Cilley went on to explain that he would need to build a concrete head wall at the left corner of the building where the drainage ditch is, then put two 18" drainage pipes end to end to the pond outlet. The town has permitted him to put in a temporary bridge over the ditch in order to have access to the rear of the property. He met with SWRPC and has been approved for a Brownfields application. Mr. Cilley stated that the soil behind the building was tested and found to have high levels of lead and barium, but the pond has not been tested yet. The pond area does dry out from time to time. Mr. Cilley explained that they removed all of the materials which were on the ground outside but nothing below ground. A clear record of the old gas tanks being removed has not been discovered. Underground tanks only had to be filled in with sand or concrete up until 1985. There is less than a 3000' wetland impact area. There is not any evidence in the building of the pond flooding in the past. Henniker Drilling and Boring is able to bore under the highway to tap into the current sewerage line. NHDES informed Mr. Cilley that he needs to get approval from the GCC to move forward. The GCC is concerned about the environmental impact from the ground contaminants. The results from VOC testing have not come back yet. Mr. Cilley will complete and submit the application to NHDES and will keep in touch with the GCC. There is currently no official role for the GCC in this matter at this point.

## 2020 Budget

Roger went over last year's budget along with the coming year's budget with the GCC. The GCC agreed to replicate the budget from 2019 for the 2020 budget.

## Pollination Project Meadow Park update- Kate

Kate explained that she has received more seeds and she believes that they should be spread rather soon. She will spread them out on her own. Kate recommended that the GCC should put a sign up somewhere along the parking lot, explaining the ongoing transition from a mowed field to a wildflower meadow and its importance to pollinators. The GCC may also want to state that this is a three year project, with progressively more tangible results. The GCC will plan signage over the winter. Kate has a friend with whom she will talk in regard to ideas and possible costs.

Forestry Committee update

Roger discussed that bids for the proposed timber harvest in the town forest will be opened at 6 PM on November 14 at the town office building.

Winter Program

Roger contacted NH Fish and Game but did not get a return call with any information.

Roger adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm. The next regular business meeting of the GCC will be on December 4, 2019 at 7:30 pm.