

Great Barrington Conservation Commission
Tuesday, November 23, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Patricia B. Kinne, Andrew Mankin, Bruce Gore, Orit Kadosh, Jessica Dezieck

Chairman Kinne opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 NOI – 100 Bridge Street, DEP #167-0354, filed by the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire. Proposed work will involve demolition of 5 existing buildings at the former New England Log Homes site as the initial phase of an overall site redevelopment. They have requested a continuance. A motion to continue was requested.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin to continue public hearing until 7:00 p.m. on December 22, 2010

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor.

7:15 NOI – 9 Buttondown Lane, DEP #167-0355, filed by Daniel Jusidman. Proposed work will involve site grading associated with installation of an in-ground gunite swimming pool, removal of non-native invasives and removal of debris within the Riverfront Area. Applicant also proposes to set 3 large flat-topped boulders along the bank of the Williams River. Rob Akroyd presented. Updated modified plans. In response to DEP comments quantified disturbance. Mr. Akroyd went over Mark Stinson's comments. In terms of scope of work they want to begin work by house and start to work on debris in the woods then remove invasives in the spring. Withdrawing request to put boulders on the bank. Riverfront violations. Previous Order was never recorded. Discussed what was done before. He said there were 16 stumps, they propose to put in 16 trees, would probably put in birch and red maple, will include a list of native plant material. Andrew Mankin said the Commission wants to see some type of bank restoration with some type of native bushes. PK two areas that have been cleared, riverfront to north, riverfront to south, bank and gazebo as well. those are 5 areas we want restored (see notes). Enforcement order includes these items. Recipient shall hire an environment consultant, completion of restoration plan by January 24th. K does not want to issue OOC on NOI until next month. AM wants a replanting plan for trees that will be taken down, shrubs. With regards to NOI – we will do a site visit, Andrew Mankin wants to see the revegetation plan, . they will begin working on terrace as soon as possible, as well as the pool. ConCom asked for revised planting plan. Also , on Enforcement Order for restoration area, we want a lot of vegetation. Very important to replace trees on river bank due to cold water fish area.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin to continue public hearing until 12/22 at 7:10 p.m.

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor

7:30 NOI – 446 MONTEREY ROAD, SMA #10, filed by Eagleton School.
Proposed work will involve work to site to drill a new well, construction of an access road to the well site and a water line to the main campus water storage tanks.

Shannon Boomsma and Nick Arenti from McCormick & Mutagh presented. Utilizing existing road for previous road and will put in a new gravel road to be top soiled and seeded when done. Well will be tied into existing water line. Silt fence on downhill side of work area, mainly small trees to be taken out. No structures, just well casing visible when done. No issues with this plan. Waiting for approval to drill by DEP. A motion to close was requested.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin to close the public hearing

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin that we approve the NOI for SMA #10 with a standard Order of Conditions.

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor

7:45 107 Brush Hill Road discussion of emergency work in a riverfront area. Adjacent stream is an intermittent stream and the area is not included in any NHESP area. When we issue emergency certificate he has 30 days to complete the first 12 sets. Chairman Kinne recommends that we issue this for him to start ASAP and finish by December 29th. A motion was requested.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin that we issue an emergency order certificate for 107 Brush Hill Road

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor

Request for Determination of Applicability: He can start 10 days after we issue. Discussed need for special conditions. No special conditions needed. A motion was requested.

MOTION; That we issue a negative number 3. No special conditions

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Lake Mansfield Association, Christine Ward. Trail project reimbursement, trail updates and discussion. Christine Ward here to let the Commission know what has been done with the money granted . This phase was to give accessible trails

- in the main body of the forest to connect with the bridge boardwalk system. With the revision cost of materials went up significantly. Can do accessible trail from main access area to boulder area, about a third of the loop. Base is down for entire trail system. Five foot crushed stone bed. Width of trail varies, Submitting a request for reimbursement for \$1,105. Can reimburse Peter Jensen for materials. They have about a week and a half to two weeks of work left. Invasives are being removed. Committee suggested that Christine Ward get in touch with Lincoln Fish at Baystate Forestry. Passed out a draft of Lake Mansfield Rules and Regulations. Lake is now under the town's jurisdiction. After comments from our board they will present to Selectmen .
2. Christine talked about the McAllister preserve. Said she found a trail that led her to a deer stand. Noted that trail has evidence of horse use. Talked about other trails. Committee does not have the manpower to enforce rules. Christine suggested we invite abutters to discuss issues.
 3. 164 Castle Hill Avenue. Request to change date of trees to be cut in SMA #7 approved area. Bridghe McCracken requesting a change in the planting schedule due to weather considerations. She had planned on cutting the second half of the SMA area and replanting it this fall but fell behind schedule due to rain. She would like to cut in the winter and replant in the spring. Chairman Kinne feels this should be allowed and asked Agent Crescentini to say we approved it but we need specific plans and have to be called before forester comes in and all trees are to be tagged. Must go over it with Bridghe before work commences. Agent Crescentini to issue a letter saying we approve cutting to be done by March 1st and plantings completed by May 1st.
 4. 955 S. Main Street, Special Permit for Trevor Cobb Automotive Sales and Service. No exterior work on the building or on the site, strictly cosmetic work inside. There are no issues with this project. A motion was requested.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin that the Wetlands Act does not apply

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor

5. 819 South Main Street Driveway Permit. No issues with this project. A motion was requested.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin that we approve the driveway permit

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor.

6. Approval of 2012 budget.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin that we approve the budget for 2012

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor

7. Approval of October 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes.
MOTION: Andrew Mankin to approve the meeting minutes
SECOND: Jessica Dezieck
VOTE: 5-0, all in favor

Chairman Kinne noted that trees had been removed from CHP
Larkin – seems to be settled, they received their extension. i

Motion to adjourn was requested.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin to close the meeting

SECOND: Jessica Dezieck

VOTE: 5-0, all in favor

Meeting Adjourned