

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014
7:00 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman
LISA BOZZUTO
JEFF COHEN
JESSICA DEZIECK
DAVID SHANAHAN

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mankin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

7:00 pm – SMA NOI 011 for 320 Long Pond Rd., Great Barrington; for the construction of a main house, pool, installation of underground utilities, removal of trees, and movement of boulders. Continued from October 23, 2013.

Craig Okerstrom-Lange represented Dr. Todd Gollub.

He presented the updated plan and map. The Order of Conditions was presented by Shep Evans with a memo attached, as prepared by Craig.

Craig also pointed out future trail work on the map.

Shep Evans reviewed the special conditions in the Order of Conditions.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue the Order of Conditions for SMA NOI 011.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:10 pm – WPA NOI 167-0369 from Dave Inglis of Mahaiwe Harvest located on South Main Street, Map 37 Lot 93 for new agriculture in the resource area of the Green River, a NHESP habitat and a 100 year flood plain. Continued from August 28, 2013. Update on progress.

Shep Evans reported that a MEPA review will be needed.

Mr. Inglis sent an E-mail to Shep about the wood turtles and how he met with a professional about them.

Mr. Inglis will need to preserve and improve the habitat.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until February 26, 2014 at 7:10 P.M.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

Miscellaneous:

- Approval of Minutes from the December 18, 2013 meeting

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the minutes from December 18, 2013

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- 133 Hurlburt Rd. ANRAD → ORAD + Enforcement Order

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the boundaries as accurate shown in Mark Volk's plan.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

Commission signed ORAD

- SMA Restoration Plan – West Sheffield Road : Continue – no vote taken

James Kelly presented a proposed plan for re-forestation.

The restoration plan was presented.

Pine and Hemlock will be planted to continue the tree line.

Mr. Kelly said that there are some invasives from the abutting property which will be treated in the spring.

There will be follow-up in late summer, followed by fall planting.

Mr. Kelly presented the 3 year follow-up plan.

Jessica Dezieck expressed her concern about erosion.

Mr. Kelly said that he did not see anything drastic.

There was discussion regarding the length of the monitoring.

It was agreed upon that there would be a 5 year monitor period. Mr. Kelly will provide the revised plan before the next meeting.

- 166 Castle Hill – Enforcement Order – Sign Order & Update

Shep Evans reported that this owner had invasives removed. They were not looking to make a lawn, just to bring it back to 'natural', however, everything was removed.

Shep sent a letter to stop work and submit a restoration plan.

The Commission signed an enforcement order.

- MACC AEC Saturday, March 1st + BRPC/MACC Training +/- March 15 to 30

- New Conservation Commission Member

Shep Evans introduced the new Conservation Commission member, Jeff Cohen.

- Coding Parcels in Assessor's Database as WPA and/or SMA for Jurisdiction Advice to Owners

Shep Evans said that he has been speaking to Chris Rembold about mapping areas that are in SMA, within 100 ft. of waterfront etc. Properties in these areas can be identified and those individuals can be educated about the regulations.

Jeff Cohen suggested that a letter be sent in a tax bill.

Shep replied that it can't be inserted into a bill.

Jeff suggested that every time a property gets transferred, this information is part of the packet.

David Shanahan said that the Building Inspector needs to know and be on board with this.

- Town of GB ditch maintenance: Shep Evans reported that this work will begin soon.

- Large NOI + MESA Fairgrounds Filing anticipated in 2014

Shep Evans said that he has a meeting scheduled with Bart Elsbach this week to discuss the filing.

- Blue Hill Road erosion controls are in place

Shep Evans reported that the rehabilitation project has begun.

- 56 River Street –Riverfront Resource NOI in preparation – Filing for February 26 meeting

An NOI will be filed so that the riverbank area around the house can be monitored. Erosion controls are in place.

- Last Minute Items

Will Conklin and the Greenagers are now the managers of the Riverwalk. Will has requested to install a 1200 sq. ft. shed on an existing concrete pad upstream of the rain garden.

Jessica Dezieck said that she and Christine Ward are talking about a stewardship for Lake Mansfield. They will develop something for the Commission in order to maintain and do site visits on our properties.

Lisa Bozzuto asked about the McAllister property.

Jessica reminded the Commission that there was a map created by an intern and money was set aside for projects.

All agreed to do a site visit on the McAllister property.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Secretary