

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014
6:30 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman
 LISA BOZZUTO
 JEFF COHEN
 JESSICA DEZIECK
 GAETAN LACHANCE – not present
 DAVID SHANAHAN – not present
 KATE VAN OLST

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mankin called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Due to the Holidays, the Commission agreed to schedule next month's meeting for 11/19/14
And 12/17/14 for the December meeting.

**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.**
No new updates.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 11/19/14 meeting

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

**WPA NOI 167- 0387 from Tighe & Bond for the Town of Great Barrington Department of
Public Works. The work includes the replacement of a retaining wall on Route 41, #4-6
North Plain Road, just west of the Housatonic Railroad underpass.**

Natural Heritage issued a statement that this project has no adverse impact.

Kate Van Olst said that she only sees one main sewer drain, that is continuously covered by
leaves.

Andrew Mankin said that Joe Sokul should be made aware of this.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve NOI 167- 0387 with standard conditions

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

WPA RDA from Great Barrington Land Conservancy. The work includes the removal of four (4) dead Elm trees ranging from 8 to 12 inches in diameter along Riverwalk, just inside the wooden guardrail, along the Housatonic River, east of the former Searles school parking lot. Map 19 Lot 139.

Shep explained that there are 4 dead Elm trees on the west side of the river. The trees will stay on site and become part of the habitat. The stumps will be left and ground.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a negative #2 with standard conditions.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

WPA RDA from Regio Almorì. Property located at 177 & 185 State Road, Map 11 Lots 12-85 & 12-86. The work includes clearing the lots and demolishing & removing two buildings.

The site visit has been completed.

Mr. Almorì explained that he will be removing 2 buildings and restoring 1 building. The silt fence is in place. He said that the limbs that are hanging over the silt fence will be cut. There will be no work beyond the silt fence.

Andrew Mankin reminded Mr. Almorì that he would need a building permit if he plans on building on the site.

Mr. Almorì confirmed that he understands.

Jessica Dezieck asked that the silt fence on the side closest to the end be fixed; the stake is broken. She also asked about the path that was cut through the property. Claudia Shapiro replied that Mike Parsons cut the path when he surveyed the property.

Kate Van Olst asked about the pile of what looks like asphalt.

Mr. Almorì said that this is mulch for the gardens.

Danny Shapiro, abutter, showed a copy of a survey from 2008 that he has for the property. He said that the survey that the Conservation Commission is using is 'fictitious' and stated for the record that he is contesting the property lines and buffer zone lines.

Andrew Mankin responded that the work being done will not affect the wetland, so an NOI is not needed.

Claudia Shapiro said that the Conservation Commission is accepting a survey that is incorrect. She asked that she and Danny be contacted when the determination is made.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a negative #3 with standard conditions.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

WPA RDA from Berkshire Engineering for Sam Handel. Property located at 127 Monument Valley Road, Map 36 Lot 31. The work includes installation of a 10'X12' shed, removal of several dilapidated and failed outbuildings and the installation of an underground liquid propane tank, all within the buffer zone of an intermittent stream and bordering vegetated wetland.

Shep said that the site visit is complete.

Evan Hardcastle added further silt fencing to the map and signed the map.

He asked the Commission if a small rubber tired tractor with a bucket could be used. Evan said that they will wait until the ground is frozen to use it.

The Commission agreed to the use of the small tractor with a bucket when the ground is frozen.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a negative #3 with standard conditions.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

WPA NOI 167-0385 Kirt Mayland of Housatonic Solar 1, LLC will update the Commission on various aspects of the project including discussions with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program staff concerning turtle habitat & buffer area on Neenah Paper property. Continued from May 28, 2014.

Kirt Mayland said that he has received MEPA certification. He is still awaiting the Conservation Management Plan.

Emily Stockman stated that there is a lot of merit to any project coming to alternative energy sources. Emily went through her comments in detail and pointed out, to Kirt, the information that is needed.

Kirt will address Emily's comments before the next meeting.

He will add the hiking and parking area to the plans for approval.

Jeff Cohen pointed out that there was information pointing to a by-law dated 1987, however Emily's report pointed to a by-law dated 2011.

Shep Evans said that he will get an updated version to the Commission.

Emily suggested that the Commission may consider consulting with an engineer regarding the storm water portion of the plan.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 11/19/14 meeting

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

Miscellaneous:

- Update on the Golub House project, SMA# 011, 320 Long Pond Road.
Shep Evans reported that they are currently dynamiting. The trees that were marked for removal are now down with the addition of one that was severely diseased.
- Update on restoration work at 263 Long Pond Road.

Shep Evans reported that everything is staked and coded. The invasives are almost non-existent. The property is now on the market.

- Administrative matters: Signing various documents & discussion of proposed correspondence.
The correspondence to the Fairground Community Redevelopment Corp. was presented.
The Commission agreed to send the letter with the amended next meeting date.
MOTION: Jeff Cohen to send the letter
SECOND: Jessica Dezieck
VOTE: 4-0-1 Lisa Bozzuto is an abutter
- MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a certificate of compliance for 39 Dresser Ave.
SECOND: Kate Van Olst
VOTE: 5-0

There was discussion regarding the 'Rest of River' letter that the Selectboard will sign. Shep said that he feels that the letter includes all of the important points. He recommended that the Commission craft a letter saying that we concur with BRPC. All agree

- Report on the "working group" on Wetland Bylaw & Regs and Scenic Mountain Regs. – no report
- Approval of Minutes from the September 24, 2014 and October 1, 2014 meetings.
MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the September 24, 2014 minutes
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 5-0

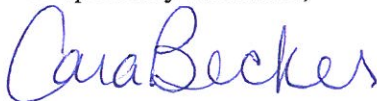
MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the October 1, 2014 minutes
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 5-0

- Other last minute items: none

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Secretary