

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013
7:00 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

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

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mankin called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

7:00 pm – WPA RDA – Town of Great Barrington; for the excavation of built up sediment in existing ditch line and removing it from the site.

Joe Sokul explained the project.

Joe stated that the ditch has not been maintained over many years. He would like to get it working again with a regular maintenance schedule.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a negative #2

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:05 pm - WPA NOI; 59 Hurlburt Rd.; Beth B. Sackler Trust, Great Barrington; for the construction of a new barn with caretakers apartment above. Associated site work for underground utilities, new septic system, gravel driveway, etc.

Sarah Shultz represented the owner. She said that this area is mostly meadow. The project includes a new barn with a garage below and a caretaker apartment above. There will be a new septic system outside of the buffer zone and resource area.

Andrew Mankin asked if 'no disturbance' signs were put up.

Sarah said no because they are not working in that area.

Jeffrey Cohen spoke about gifting an area to the Land Conservancy.

An abutter spoke with concern about this. She asked that he makes sure that it is given and not able to be sold as a building lot.

Andrew Mankin asked that the 'no disturb' signs be put up on posts before the work begins. They should be spaced 50 ft. apart.

David Shanahan expressed his concern about the driveway placement being near the wetlands.

Andrew Mankin said that he would like to see it come about 25 ft. closer to the building.

Sarah said that she could do this and re-pitch the driveway also.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the plan as of 11/19/2013 with the standard conditions, as well as, the condition that the driveway is to be constructed as close to the pines, i.e., outside the drip line as

possible, +/-20ft closer to the barn than is shown on the plan with 9 'conservation land' signs up 50 ft apart, as marked, on the no-mow line before the work begins.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:15 pm WPA Notice of Intent 167-0376 for 518 Egremont Rd. for house addition, slope stabilization, retaining wall and new septic system. **Continued from August 28, 2013** pending further tree plans and site visit.

Shannon Boomsma showed the revised plans that resulted from the recent site visit.

The silt fence and straw waddles are in place.

Shannon said that work was removed from the plan in one area.

Shep Evans reported that the site visit went well; the erosion control was in place and all seems to be in order.

Kate McCormick stated that there is no heat in the house currently; therefore, she would like to move this forward so they can get heat.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the 11/20/13 plan as presented

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:25 pm – WPA RDA for NECG Holding Corp/ Joseph McCormick IV; for the removal of an underground storage tank system that formerly stored gasoline and the associated piping and dispensers on 123 Main Street.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a negative #2 with notification to Conservation Agent pre-deconstruction.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:30 pm – SMA RDA – 318 Long Pond Rd.; for the construction of a septic field and pipe connection to a future septic tank. **Continued from October 23, 2013**

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: David Shanahan

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve SMA / RDA as per plan 9/11/13 referencing E-mail from 11/19/13 as stated earlier.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:35 pm - WPA SMA NOI; 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

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue until 12/18/13 at 7:00 PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

Miscellaneous:

- Approval of minutes from the October 23, 2013 meeting

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the October 23, 2013 minutes

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- Approval of minutes from the November 7, 2013 meeting

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the minutes from November 7, 2013

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- 133 Hurlburt Rd.: clear-cut buffer/wetland; owner agreed to delineate
Shep Evans reported that a letter was sent and the owner agreed to delineate.
- Possible SMA violation at 326 Long Pond Rd. and discussion of SMA boundaries
Shep Evans showed photos of the area and spoke of the importance of measuring the SMA boundaries correctly.
- Update: Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Jessica Dezieck said that she has e-mailed minutes from past meetings to the Commission for their review. She stated that there are 3 scenarios to consider for this project, however, this is not on the CIP for 5 years.
- Lake Mansfield phragmites removal
Shep Evans stated that the phragmites removal was done and it only took 2 days
- Discussion re: date for December's meeting: possibly Dec. 18th, the 3rd Wednesday
All agree that the next meeting will be on December 18th.
- Regularly scheduled site visits: Monday afternoons?
All agree that site visits will now be scheduled on Monday afternoons with communication about it the Thursday prior.
- ZBA Hearing upcoming: 25' vs. 50' garage set back from Long Pond Rd. at Mercer Pond
Shep Evans spoke about the plan and showed a map of the area. This is not in the Commission's jurisdiction.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck that SMA / WPA does not apply.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- SMA Enforcement Order of 10-18-2013: West Sheffield Road clear cut over ½ acre
Shep Evans said that the date of the enforcement order will be changed. He requested from the owner that he receive a restoration plan a week or so before the December meeting.
- Sign and issue Certificate of Compliance for Chertoff house, Long Pond Road.
This was already voted upon and was signed by all.
- Beaver Dam breach permit for Town Water & Sewer Dept.: wetland behind The Cove.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to grant permission to breach the beaver dam behind the Cove.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

All agree that Shep will follow up.

- Last minute items.

All Commission members signed a document regarding the Open Meeting Law.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin to appoint Jessica Dezieck as Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

Shep Evans reported that he received a letter from Davis Inglis stating that he is working with Natural Heritage and still wants to move forward with his project.

Natural Heritage says that this is a permissible project.

Shep proposed that the Commission rescind the denial, reopen and continue in December.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to rescind the denial, reopen the hearing and continue until December 18th at 7:10

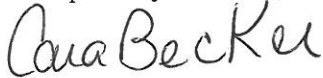
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

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