

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014  
6:30 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

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

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**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 read an E-mail from Mr. Inglis that said that he is kicking off his fundraising efforts.  
MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 1/28/15 meeting  
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 6-0

**WPA RDA from Tighe & Bond, Inc. for Mass Electric Company for installation of a new power pole and construction of a concrete transformer pad adjacent to the Great Barrington Wastewater Treatment Facility at 100 Bentley Road, Map 20 Lot 94A.**  
Devlina Kosh-Brower represented National Grid. She provided the Commission with photos of the work location.  
Shep Evans reviewed the location and details of the work.  
Devlina explained that there will be a 7 ft. by 7ft. concrete pad (which is 50 ft. from the new pole) that will be within the buffer zone. She described the pole construction and said that the work will be done quickly.  
A member of the public said that she is concerned about the location and the electro-magnetic field. She asked why this transformer can't be placed further away.  
Kate Van Olst explained that the Commission's job is to determine if the wetland is going to be affected or not.  
Andrew Mankin said that health concerns should be directed to the Town Manager or the Health Department.  
Devlina explained that this is an electrical service line and has a small electro-magnetic field.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing  
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 6-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a negative #3  
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 6-0

**WPA NOI 167-0385 Kirt Mayland of Housatonic Solar 1, LLC and Michael Marcus of New England Environmental will update the Commission on various aspects of the project including discussions with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program. Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates will report on her review of the project on behalf of the Commission. Continued from May 28, 2014.**

Kirt Mayland spoke about the phasing plan, saying that every 2 acres will be stabilized at a time and then get inspected.

Emily Stockman explained that an erosion control monitor will be hired for this. An LSP will also be involved in this process.

David Shanahan asked if the stumps would be ground or removed by an excavator.

Kirt responded that they would be removed by an excavator.

Kirt added a note to the plan that the parking lot is subject to approval by the Conservation Commission. He also explained that there will be mitigation for the 10 year flood plain. The mitigation area is noted by the square on the plan. (The increase in cut value was due to this.)

Emily Stockman said that New England environmental gave general discussion about this, as was a proposed plant species list. Emily said that she worked up special conditions with Shep Evans' suggestions included.

Emily Stockman went through the Special Conditions as written.

Kirt Mayland spoke about his concerns regarding the special conditions. He questioned the special condition regarding the erosion control monitor saying that the person hired will be competent but may not have a degree in erosion control. Kirt also questioned the wording around the legal owner of the solar array; he said that he is the owner but may not always be the owner.

Some minor changes were made to the Special Conditions as a result of this discussion.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing  
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 6-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve NOI 167-0385 with amendments to Special Conditions as discussed and with receipt of final plan that is signed and stamped with the revision date.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 6-0

Miscellaneous:

- Report on the "working group" on Wetland Bylaw & Regs and Scenic Mountain Regs. Shep Evans gave the Commission the proposed draft of the Wetland Bylaw as revised. Andrew Mankin suggested that all members of the Commission read the document and send comments to Shep.
- Lake Mansfield Improvement Taskforce membership – Gaetan LaChance said that he would try to attend the next meeting.

- Approval of Minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting.  
MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the November 19, 2014 minutes.  
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 6-0
- Other last minute items  
Shep Evans reported that the negative determination for Ray Almori has been appealed.  
There is a site visit scheduled for this Friday at 11:00 with DEP Wetland.  
Andrew Mankin reminded the Commission that it is not the Commissions site visit and they are not to interject unless asked.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker  
Secretary