

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 7:00 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. Gollub.

Craig Okerstrom-Lange listed the past meetings and the dates of each.

As a result of the first site meeting, 7 items were agreed to. 2 more items were put on the list as a result of the last site meeting. Craig Okerstrom-Lange reviewed each item for the Commission. The most updated plans were presented.

Craig said that there will be some bushes that will be added to the plant list.

Shep Evans agreed to copy Dr. Gollub on the Order of Conditions so that he does not need to be present at the next meeting.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until January 22, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

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.

Andrew Mankin reported that Mr. Inglis has been in contact with Shep Evans and says he is positive that things are moving forward with Natural Heritage.

Shep Evans gave the members of the Commission a copy of an E-mail from Mr. Inglis regarding his status.

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7:15 pm – Community Development Corp. of South Berkshire, An overview of the 100 Bridge Street Project, formerly the New England Log Homes property.

Tim Geller introduced Gregg Gossens, architect and site planner for the project.

Plans were presented for review.

There will be a 'market square.' Storm water will be collected in certain spots. There will be parking areas with pervious surfaces. Incubator office space will be part of the plan along with the Coop market.

Tim Geller said that land clearing in order to begin remediation will take place late February or early March.

Tim also said that they are dealing with 'wetlands replication' issues. There are back-up plans in place to deal with these problems.

Miscellaneous:

- Approval of Minutes from the November 20, 2013 meeting

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the minutes from November 20, 2013

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- 263 Long Pond Road - Revised Enforcement Order

Alex Glover, representing Lynn Hutchinson presented the plan.

Shep Evans presented a copy of the revised enforcement order.

9 tulip trees have been planted at this point.

Shep Evans said that he has spoken to the circuit rider at DEP, Mark Stinson, and he suggested that a reasonable time be set to have the planting complete and to have the owner sign a statement of her acceptance that there is a violation and her commitment to implement the enforcement order.

Shep Evans read the statement that the owner was asked to sign. Owner, Lynn Hutchinson, signed the agreement. The Commission also signed the statement. The date in which the work must be completed is June 30, 2014.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the revised enforcement order dated 12/18/2013.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the restoration plan as presented

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- West Sheffield Road – SMA Enforcement Order, Restoration Plan

James Kelly representing Deborah Story were both present. A restoration plan has not been made at this point. There was discussion regarding the invasive species that are present on the land.

James Kelly said that he will have the plan submitted to the commission before the January meeting.

- \$960 to be transferred to the Trail Maintenance Fund

Shep Evans explained that there was a request for a laptop computer for the Conservation office. The money for this was approved to be taken out of the Wetlands Protection Fund. It was then decided that the laptop was not needed. Therefore, the money needs to be put into an account. The Trail Maintenance Fund would be the best place to put these funds.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to transfer \$960 to the Trail Maintenance Fund.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- CPA and Lake Mansfield updates – Jess Dezieck

Jess Dezieck reported that Tighe and Bond has put together a report with options for the project. There has been discussion about this at the Lake Mansfield Task Force meetings. The project itself will be put on the CIP in 5 years.

Jess said that there has also been discussion about what projects they want to propose for CPA funds.

- 133 Hurlburt Rd. – Wetland Cutting delineated by Foresight Land Services

Shep Evans stated that he spoke to Mark Stinson about this location and he suggested the Commission ask the owner for a delineation. The owner of Hurlburt Rd has hired someone to do this. Shep presented the plan. Shep suggested that the Commission require the owner to submit an ANRAD.

- Ditch maintenance – south side of the Fairgrounds parallel to Reed Street

Shep Evans reported that Joe Sokul has organized work in this ditch.

Jessica said that an area was cleared out, by the owners, that was not supposed to be. Andrew responded that nothing can be done now since the area cleared is where the ditch work is being done.

- 518 Egremont Road – Wetland restoration began Wednesday 12/11/2013

Restoration has begun. Shep reported that everything is in order.

- 123 Main Street – Getty Station fuel tanks and gas pumps removed

Shep Evans reported that this work has been completed.

- Last Minute Items

Andrew Mankin reported that Chris Rembold has written a warrant for the Conservation Commission to go from 7 members to 5 members. The quorum will then become 3. This warrant will be presented at Town Meeting.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve membership of 5 to be voted upon at Town Meeting.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

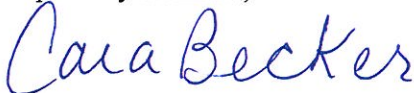
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56 River St. – Shep Evans reported that a house was knocked down at this location; on the river. The Building Inspector granted permission for her to do so. Shep said that the re-build is exactly on the existing footprint. She will be asked to submit an NOI for the work. Shep would like to allow her to continue to build. Erosion controls are in place. The Commission will be interested in the plantings on the property after the work is complete.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Secretary