

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014
7:00 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman
 LISA BOZZUTO
 JEFF COHEN
 JESSICA DEZIECK
 DAVID SHANAHAN – not present

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 0012 for Eagleton School, 446 Monterey Rd., Great Barrington; for the construction of a water treatment building and holding tank to serve the campus. Shannon Boomsma explained the project. A new well is going to be dug behind the gym; the hillside will need to be cut into with the removal of trees. An access road will be built in order to get to the area. No trees will be removed to create the road.

Andrew Mankin said that he will do the site visit and he requested that the area be staked out for the visit.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until 3/26 at 7:00 PM.

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 read the most current E-mail from Mr. Inglis. He stated that a plan will be made for creating an area to protect the turtles.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until 3/26 at 7:10 PM.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:20 pm – WPA OOC 167-0373 for redevelopment of 100 Bridge Street (old N.E.Log Homes Plant) a proposed amendment to the Order of Conditions dated 5/2/2013 to approve alternative wetland mitigation measures either on-site or at a previously approved off-site location.

Emily Stockman and Tim Geller spoke about the project.

Tim Geller explained that there is a delay. He explained that the original plan was to combine the wetlands on-site, but DEP will not allow this.

Emily Stockman added that the DEP was also not happy with the uncertainty of the bio-remediation results. The original OOC needs to be amended to allow for off-site mitigation planning.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to amend OOC 167-0373 to allow mitigation, either on or off site, according to the DEP consent order with the end date of June 30, 2014.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 4-0

Miscellaneous:

- Approval of Minutes from the January 29, 2014 meeting

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the January 29, 2014 minutes

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 4-0

- SMA Restoration Plan – West Sheffield Road Continued from October 23, 2013

Shep Evans distributed the restoration plan as updated. There was a discussion about recording this in the Registry of Deeds.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the restoration plan and direct the Conservation Agent to see that it is recorded.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 4-0

- SMA Cutting violation – 166 Castle Hill, McDonald property.
An enforcement order has been issued. The owner is working on a restoration plan.
Andrew asked that the Commission set a date for the submittal of the plans.
Lisa Bozzuto asked that a site visit be completed before the April meeting.
Jessica Dezieck suggested that the site visit be completed before the March meeting and if another is needed it can be done in April.
All agree that there will be a site visit before the March meeting. A restoration plan will be required prior to the April meeting with enough time to do a site visit using it before the April meeting; all to be implemented by November 1, 2014.
- 56 River Street NOI. Accord Engineering. NHESP letter concluding “no take”.
The engineer is working on an NOI.
- Circus Smirkus at the GB Fairgrounds & buffer around wetlands along Rt. 7
Jeff Cohen suggested that boundaries be set before letting this event take place.
Andrew Mankin stated that the only jurisdictional area is the buffer around the wetlands. Parking on the flood plain is not jurisdictional.
All agree that Shep should request an RDA from the owners.
- BRPC & MACC education opportunity at BRPC, 1 Fenn Street, Pittsfield. 9AM to 3:30PM
Saturday March 29th Units 3&4 and Saturday April 5th Units 5&6. Free Lunch!
- Beaver Permit at 54 Hurlburt Road- trapping and breaching.
The applicant will call when there is something to see and Shep will visit.
- ZBA application for 14 Lake Avenue – Non jurisdictional location.
MOTION: Jessica Dezieck that WPA nor SMA apply
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 4-0
- List of 1760 properties of jurisdictional interest. An educational opportunity.
All parcels within a 100 year flood plain, wetlands or SMA were located.
Shep Evans said that the title of the home will not indicate this information.
There was discussion on the process of communicating this information.

Jeff Cohen requested a cost estimate of mailing a notice to these home-owners.
Shep Evans gave a copy of this information to Mark Pruhenski and the Building Inspector for reference.

All agree that this should be an agenda topic at a future meeting.

- Last Minute Items

Jessica Dezieck reported that the CPA is looking at the 2016 applications.

There will be a presentation and slide show at the Town Meeting. Money will be designated this year with the hopes of receiving matching funds over time.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Secretary