

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014
7:00 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

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

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mankin called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 who said that he is looking forward to working with the Land Conservancy.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 7/23/14 meeting

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

WPA RDA from Mary Julia Kephart, 15 Seekonk Rd, to remove invasive plants by means of a mini excavator; to be replaced with native plants. Continued from May 28, 2014

Shep Evans said that this project may fall within the water protection overlay district and would need to go to Ed May for a finding. If the project is allowed, Ms. Kephart will need to go to the Selectboard for a Special Permit. In the meanwhile, Ms. Kephart needs to get more information before coming back to the Commission.

Andrew Mankin said that he would like to see more detail in the plan, including an erosion control plan. Items to be removed should be marked before the site visit.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 7/23/14 meeting

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

WPA NOI 167-0383 for Christopher Nye of Myrin Institute, 187 Main Street for the stabilization of an existing retaining wall, construction of a new retaining structure, elimination of an existing parking area and the creation of a 'pocket park' with associated drainage and building improvements. Continued from May 28, 2014

Nick Anderson presented a revised plan.

He explained that the plan includes only altering the understory; the canopy will remain. He said that Natural Heritage has responded; "no take, no impact."

Nick spoke about the bushes that he added to the list.

Jessica Dezieck expressed her concern with the amount of trees being removed and the stabilization of the area.

Nick responded that he will try to fit in more large trees if possible.

The Commission agreed to do a site visit after the construction team is selected and the erosion control is in place.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the revision with the conditions stated; 5 year monitoring plan and 75% success rate.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

WPA RDA from Robert Baier for construction of a replacement septic system at #6 Round Hill Road.

Shep Evans reported that this falls within the water supply overlay district; to be determined by Ed May.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 7/23/14 meeting

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

WPA DEP# 167-0373 Request from CDCSB for amendment to the Order of Conditions issued for Bioremediation at 100 Bridge Street to allow wetland alteration on-site to be mitigated by restoring an open channel stream and wetlands off-site at the Town Wastewater Treatment Plant property at 100 Bentley Street and adjacent undeveloped land.

Rob Hogues explained the project planned for the NE Log Home site stream restoration. There will be no removal of the trees. Honeysuckle will be removed. There will be yearly monitoring over a period of time. He would like the project to be underway by August 1st.

This would be an amendment to allow off-site mitigation on wetland properties.

Shep Evans said that there are many permitting agencies involved so the Commission should feel comfortable with this project.

All Commission members agree that they would like to hear from Natural Heritage before making a decision.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 7/9/14 meeting at 3:30 with a site visit on 7/1/14 at 4:15.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

Miscellaneous:

- Update on 263 Long Pond Road and Pfeiffer Arboretum restoration planting.

It was reported that the invasive plant eradication team has been hired.

Shep Evans will find out who is doing each of the 2 types of monitoring required.

The ZBA made it clear that cutting anything in the restoration area is prohibited.

Shep reported that the timber cutting may not go through.

- Approval of Minutes from the May 28, 2014 and June 11, 2014 meetings.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2014 meeting

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- Other last minute items

Shep Evans reported that John Delmolino has requested a certificate of compliance for the property at White House Square. White Engineering said that all matters are in compliance.

Under the suggestion of Andrew Mankin, the Commission agreed to take the OOC to a site visit and decide at a future meeting. Shep Evans will contact Shannon Boomsma about the details of the certificate of compliance.

Shep Evans said that he will get any available information about the other 2 Delmolino properties that Certificate of Compliances are requested for.

Shep Evans stated that Big Y will be going before the ZBA for a zoning change in order to add a loading dock. The Commission will need to comment on this in the future.

There was discussion regarding a certificate of compliance for NENA Paper. The OOC was issued on November 12. The work was completed and the bank is stable.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the NENA Paper site on Park Street in Housatonic.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

There was discussion about mowing on the Fairgrounds property.

The Commission suggested sending a letter asking that the mowing cease in any 'wetland' area.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to send a letter to Fairgrounds stating, 'until wetland areas are delineated, only mow and/or park 20 feet off the driveway and stop mowing inside the wetland area, as referred to in the RDA.'

SECOND: Gaetan Lachance

VOTE: 3-1-1 Lisa Bozzuto recused Kate Van Olst against

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Secretary