

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013  
7:00 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION**

**PRESENT:** ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman  
LISA BOZZUTO  
JENNIFER CONNELL  
JESSICA DEZIECK  
BRUCE GORE  
DAVID SHANAHAN

AMANDA SEWALL – CONSERVATION AGENT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mankin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

7pm – WPA NOI 167-03\*\* from Myrin Institute for the harvesting of invasive curly leaf pondweed at Barbieri Pond

The Commission had submitted questions to the company doing the work. All were satisfied with the answers given.

Mr. Nye explained, again, the way in which the weeds were to be cut.

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

**SECOND:** Jennifer Connell

**VOTE:** 6-0

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to approve NOI 167-03 with the 3 special conditions as discussed; superseded by receiving the DEP file number.

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

**7:05pm - WPA RDA from 195 Main St. Great Barrington; Housatonic Valley Association for a river clean-up using volunteers to remove trash; predominantly tires on the bottom of the river.**

Dennis Regan explained that this is a community project to pick up trash, bulk material, car parts, etc. The DPW will come and get the garbage. All work will be done by hand; however, the DPW would have to take care of the big items.

Jessica Dezieck expressed her concern that this is a Natural Heritage area.

Bruce Gore replied that the work outweighs the risk.

Amanda Sewall stated that this is a 3 year permit. HVA would let the Commission know the date and location of future projects, but would not have to re-permit each time.

Amanda said that the abutter notification was hand-delivered by a volunteer so they are asking for a fee waiver.

It was suggested that Natural Heritage be notified.

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to approve the RDA and issue a negative #2 with the following conditions:

- Contact Natural Heritage
- all work to be done by hand
- Fee for RDA waived

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

**7:10pm – WPA RDA from Alcott Rd, Great Barrington for the construction of a four bedroom house and garage and the installation of a well and septic system.**

Mark Reynolds explained that the area in which the work is to be done is an open field. The septic system is the only portion in the buffer zone. Mr. Reynolds showed a map of the area. A silt fence will be put in.

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

**SECOND:** David Shanahan

**VOTE:** 6-0

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to approve the RDA and issue Negative #3 with the special condition that the erosion control is installed before the work begins.

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

**7:15pm – WPA RDA from 195 Main Street, Great Barrington; Great Barrington Land Conservancy to perform ongoing maintenance, re-vegetation, and clean-up of the River Walk Trail sections.**

Rachel Fletcher said this project is focused on stabilizing the downstream riverbank to help with erosion control. It is done every 3 years and has been very successful.

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to approve RDA and issue a Negative #2

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

**7:20pm – WPA from 20 Berkshire Heights, Great Barrington to perform invasive species removal and resource area management.**

Nick Anderson – Berkshire Engineering – explained the management plan to remove the invasive species. He said that this will be a hand removal. There was discussion about mowing in the no-mow zone.

Jennifer Connell said that it is a good idea to use hand-removal. She said that she is not in favor of mowing in a no-mow zone.

Andrew Mankin agreed that the no-mow zone should not be mowed.

Jessica Dezieck said that she does not like the use of herbicides.

Mr. Anderson replied that herbicide is not needed; it can be hand-removal only.

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

**SECOND:** David Shanahan

**VOTE:** 6-0

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to approve RDA and issue a Negative #3 for invasive species removal by hand and the removal of silt within bays. The no-mow zone is to stay and there will be no use of herbicide.

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

**7:25pm – WPA RDA - Pfeiffer Arboretum 249 Long Pond Road for replacement and repairs to bog bridge and nature trails using existing footprint**

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 7/24/13 meeting at 7:30 PM

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

**7:30pm – WPA/NOI from 53 Brookside Rd., Great Barrington; URJ Camp Eisner to install a new water line from Grove St. through a portion of land owned by John Dewey Academy and directed southerly onto and through the land of Camp Eisner.**

Nick Anderson explained that the area is in danger of flooding.

There is approximately 4000 ft of waterline to be installed and an 18 ft wide area is needed for the work. One hydrant would be the only permanent disturbance. This is in a Natural Heritage area. No trees will be removed.

Andrew Mankin said that he would like to do a site visit.

Amanda Sewall asked if there will be any road maintenance after the road is complete.

Mr. Anderson replied that there will be a good base on the road, but there will not be any active maintenance except filling pot holes, etc. This will not be used as a through-road.

Mr. Anderson will find out what mowing and seeding will be done.

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 7/24/13 meeting at 7:00 PM

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

**7:35pm – 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 Natural Heritage Endangered Species Habitat and a 100 year flood plain**

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 7/24/13 meeting at 7:35 PM

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

Miscellaneous:

- Approval of May minutes

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to approve the minutes from May 22, 2013 as amended

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

- Berkshire Mountain Bakery Amendment to NOI 167-0356 for additional parking in river front area.

A request was made to allow parking to be created on the grass area. 4 inches of gravel would be put on the grass to create a parking area for 6 to 7 cars.

Amanda Sewall reported that this area is not in the flood plain but is in Natural Heritage.

Andrew Mankin said that this would need to go through a formal permitting process. (NOI)

- Chesloff property – 316 Long Pond Rd. SMA 006 for replacement trees within view management area.

A map with changes to the plan was presented.

Native trees will be planted, cedar post markers and tags to be done before the deck goes on and Craig Okerstrom-Lange suggested doing vista pruning.

Andrew Mankin was concerned with the placement of two trees.

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to approve the amended plan as prepared and presented by Craig Okerstrom-Lange on 6/26/13; concurrent with narrative as amended.

**SECOND:** Jennifer Connell

**VOTE:** 6-0

- LMITF – review proposal for phragmites control and make recommendations

- vote on use of Wetland Protection Fund for proposal

Amanda Sewall said that she had sent out 3 requests for proposals. She presented 2 bids which vary about \$600.

**MOTION:** Bruce Gore to approve the use of Wetlands Protection Funds for the removal of phragmites for LMTF.

**SECOND:** Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 5-0-1 Jessica Dezieck abstains

- Zoning Board of Appeals Application review for 70 Egremont Rd – Berkshire Aviation

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck that the WPA SMA does not apply.

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

- Zoning Board of Appeals Application review for 3 Berkshire Heights Rd.

Catherine Chester representing the home-owners said they want to build a small addition. Details of the project were submitted.

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck that the WPA SMA does not apply. A positive recommendation will be made to the Selectboard.

**SECOND:** Bruce Gore

**VOTE:** 6-0

- McAllister Wetland Report

The Wetlands Delineation report is in. Amanda said that she will give a copy to anyone who would like it. The kiosk for the area is ready and waiting to be placed.

- Other business

Bruce Gore and Jennifer Connell will not renew their position on the Commission. They were thanked for their efforts.

Andrew Mankin announced that Amanda Sewall will be leaving and thanked her for her hard work. He said that she did a great job and is very professional.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Bruce Gore, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker  
Secretary