

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2013
7:00 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman
 LISA BOZZUTO
 JESSICA DEZIECK
 DAVID SHANAHAN

AMANDA SEWALL – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

7:00pm – WPA NOI 167-0374 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.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 8/28/13 meeting at 7:00 PM

SECOND: David Shanahan

VOTE: 4-0

7:15pm – WPA Request for Determination of Applicability for Bear Town State Forest from New England Mountain Bike Association; for replacement of stream crossings

It was proposed that the old bridges would be replaced and improved. The bridges are all on current trails. There are some bridges that will become elevated which will improve the water flow.

Jess Dezieck asked why pressure treated wood is being used.

Mr. Morris replied that it lasts longer. The wood will be cut off-site and there will be spacing between planks for water flow.

This plan allows for 3 years of work and 24 crossings to be done completely.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

SECOND: David Shanahan

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve RDA and issue a Negative #3

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:20pm – WPA Notice of Intent 167-0377 for 659 Main St. for the construction of a gazebo and removal of earthen mounds in a riverfront area

Lisa Bozzuto stated that she is an abutter; however, this will not affect the way that she votes.

Bart Elsbach said that he is planning on building a 12x16 gazebo to be used for foot access; sitting, weddings, gatherings. There will be no auto access. The gazebo will be built by community members. There will be a mowed area to maintain.

Mr. Elsbach said that he would like to include the removal of invasives and garbage in the ox-bow area.

Amanda Sewall said that this can be added as a special condition.

David Shanahan expressed his concern with what is inside the mounds.

Jess Dezieck expressed her concern about the construction of the gazebo; having trucks and excavation in the area.

Mr. Elsbach responded that there will be no excavation or digging at all. He does not feel that a silt fence is needed since there will be no disturbance.

Andrew Mankin said that he needs a number of how much is being displaced, so it can be determined if compensatory storage credit is available.

Mr. Elsbach said that he will not remove the mounds if he does not get the credit.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 8/28/13 meeting at 7:15 PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:25pm – WPA Notice of Intent 167-0376 for 518 Egremont Rd. for house addition, slope stabilization, retaining wall and new septic system

Shannon Boomsma presented a diagram and explained the house addition.

She said that the old septic system will be filled and crushed. All work will be down from 'up above.'

Vegetation will be removed and replaced with fabric, shrubs, fill and other plantings. The fill will be used from construction areas.

A restoration plan will come in the future.

Andrew Mankin said that he would like the restoration plan under way before a permit for the new work is issued.

Alan Hockman, abutter, reported that many trees have been cut down, and presented photos. He said that work is being done currently.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 8/28/13 meeting at 7:30 PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:30pm – 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 8/28/13 meeting at 7:35 PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

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 8/28/13 meeting at 7:40PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

Miscellaneous:

- Approval of minutes from the June 26, 2013 meeting

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the minutes from June 26, 2013

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- Zoning Board of Appeals application 27 1/2 Rosseter St

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

SECOND: David Shanahan

VOTE: 4-0

- Zoning Board of Appeals application 65 Anderson St.

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

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- Special Permit #816-13 165 Main St.

Diego Gutierrez presented an amended design.

It was stated that garbage will be removed; some by chain/bobcat.

Andrew Mankin said that he is happy with the new silt fence erosion control.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve NOI with special conditions as listed.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a positive recommendation for special permit #816-13 with NOI and special conditions as listed.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- Special Permit #817-13 34 Bridge St.

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

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- Greg Fitch 288 State Street Beaver Dam issue – Mr. Fitch has flooding which he attributes to the Beaver Dam on the adjacent property. The ‘Friends’ think that it is not their responsibility and that the beaver dam is not active. They do not want to remove the dam.

Amanda Sewall said that the conversation between the two groups will continue.

David Shanahan said that he would like to see if the dam is active. All agree that this would be a great idea.

- Other business

Andrew Mankin stated that the building inspector made him aware that the new owner of a property on Long Pond Rd. clear-cut the area to the ground. It went 30 ft. to the edge of the reservoir.

There was a stop-work order placed.

There has also been trespassing on the Arboretum land.

Andrew Mankin said that an enforcement order will be issued on Tuesday and it will be registered with the deed.

It will be important to delineate the 100 ft mark from the reservoir.

Andrew Mankin asked Christine Ward to give her suggestions to him by Tuesday.

Shep Evans suggested not planting big trees; 6-8 ft. trees would be better. He also suggested paying attention to the understory and monitoring the invasives as well as the trees.

Christine Ward said that she wants the markers replaced.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker

Secretary