

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 28 2016**

**6:30 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** GAETAN LACHANCE – Chairman  
BILL BOYER  
LISA BOZZUTO  
JEFF COHEN  
JESSICA DEZIECK  
DAVID SHANAHAN

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Lachance called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

**MOTION:** Jess D moves to continue **WPA NOI 167-0369** until the next meeting, **August 25, 2016**

**SECOND:** Lisa B.

**VOTE:** 6-0

**WPA RDA** from Berkshire Engineering on behalf of 394 Stockbridge Road, LLC Property at 394 Stockbridge Road, Map 9 Lot 3.D No work is proposed within 100 ft. of the resource areas depicted on a Plan of Existing Conditions submitted for review and approval by the commission.

Ben, Berkshire Engineering. Reviewed the GIS Map for the property. No proposed project with this RDA we are requesting that the Con Com approve the delineation.

**MOTION:** Jess D moves to close the public hearing.

**SECOND:** Lisa B.

**VOTE:** 6-0

**MOTION:** Jeff Cohen moves to accept the delineation with language to be determined by the Conservation Agent in due course.

**SECOND:** Lisa B.

**VOTE:** 6-0

**Miscellaneous matters:**

- **McAllister Reserve** – Report to the Ad Hoc Committee and discussions of Land Use Regulations

Jeff Cohen; I propose the limitation of fires and overnight camping. We are concerned about emergency vehicle access through Hayley Rd. We have alerted the Fire Dept, Police Dept, Public Works, and the Water Dept. of our concerns and thus far only the Fire Department has responded. In event of an emergency, a fire truck will not be able to gain access through Hayley Rd.

Jess Dezieck; I have posted laminated signs throughout the reserve and I have more if we would like to post additional signage.

Jeff Cohen; We need to post appropriate signage listing our regulations, we will eliminate certain uses that are “possible with permission,” propose an agreement with an (to be determined) organization to steward the property for us, and propose maintenance that also needs to be done on the property.

Shep Evans; Please reference Article IV, 217-28.12- “Unless a higher fine has been established for a specific offense by the Town of Great Barrington or the State of Massachusetts, violation of these regulations is punishable by a fine of not more than \$300.00 for each offense. Each day the violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.” I can certainly issue citations for any violations of Article IV McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

David Shanahan; I agree with Jeff’s idea of having some other organization manage the property, I think it needs work that we don’t have the time to dedicate to it.

Shep Evans; I would like to recruit a group of Stakeholders to offer input on the revision of the rules and regulations.

Jeff Cohen; I think we should meet to discuss what our suggestions are for the revision and then present them to a group of stakeholders and we can make revisions collaboratively. Then, it should be brought to the town to vote on it.

- **Larkin enforcement matter.** +/-15.6 Ac. Violation adjacent to Housatonic & Green Rivers.

Shep Evans; There is a site visit scheduled for August 2, 2016 with Natural Heritage, Mass Dept. of Ag, and the Conservation Agent to meet with Mr. Larkin. Jess D, Gaetan L, and David S. have expressed interest in going to this site visit.

- **Attorney Nick Arrenti**, on behalf of Chris Rembolt. A Multi- family unit on 59-61 Taconic Ave. requiring a non-jurisdictional special permit to stay as a multi-family unit.

**MOTION:** Jess D moves that neither the Scenic Mountain Act, nor the Wetlands Protection Act apply so no recommendation on this special permit.

**SECOND:** Lisa B.

**VOTE:** 6-0

- **Tim Geller on behalf of the CDC planning board** presents the remediation plan to the board to keep the Con Com updated on the progress of the plan.

Jeff is recusing himself from any votes due to his membership on the CDC Board.

No Vote was made. Tim G will present the final remediation plan to the board once the EPA has approved the revised remediation plan.

- **Alana Chain, the project manager for Altis Power**, would like Conservation Commission to walk through and come for an inspection of the project. August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016. Time to be determined.
- Gaetan Lachance; reports a violation for Dehan Rd. for weed whacking a path from the end of the driveway into the forest. Shep Evans is going to send a letter of the violation to the property owners. Instructions will state that they need to abandon the path and let it re-vegetate.
- Windy Hill, 263 Long Pond Rd. Great Barrington, needs to replant vegetation for the restoration plan.
- Barrington Brook a residential sub division off of Christian Hill Rd. We want to schedule another site visit to assess how to control erosion.

Jeff Cohen; Can we write an official letter to document what we have seen on the property and the owners know how to continue with our recommendations and terms ?

Shep Evans; The owners are seeking a certificate of occupancy. And we can go to Chris Rembolt to convey our opinion on whether or not they should be granted this certificate based on what the owners are doing to control the erosion problem.

**Citizen speak time:**

Valerie Winig, 420 Stockbridge Rd. Great Barrington. An abutter to the Crissey Farm and Barrington Brewery. She got a notice from the Selectman that there was a public hearing for the intended solar array plan tonight, this is an error and she was instructed to call Shep Evans during business hours.

**Approval of Minutes:** July 7, 2016 Conservation Commission Meetings.

**MOTION:** Jess D motions to approve the Minutes for July 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.

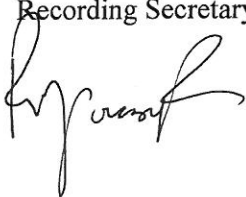
**SECOND:** Lisa B

**VOTE:** 6-0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Jeff Cohen, Seconded by Jessica Dezieck, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Jurczyk  
Recording Secretary



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