

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

THURSDAY, July 7, 2016

5:30 P.M. - GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL, # 334 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: GAETAN LACHANCE, Chairman; JESSICA DEZIECK, Vice-Chair;
ANDREW MANKIN; LISA BOZZUTO; JEFFREY COHEN; WILLIAM BOYER
SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lachance called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

WPA NOI 167-0404 from Berkshire Engineering on behalf of Hapman Holdings, LLC, property located at Stockbridge Road north of the Barrington Brewery and Crissey Farm parking area, Map 36 Lot 30C. Proposed work consists of constructing a 144 kW Photovoltaic (PV) Array mounted on Techno Metal Post screw driven helical piers.

Continued from June 22, 2016. Berkshire Engineering presented a Buffer Zone enhancement plan, shown on a revised project plan, consisting of the planting of fruit bearing native trees and shrubs selected as attractive food sources for area wildlife. These included 4 Serviceberry, 12 Winterberry and 18 High-bush Blueberry bushes. In addition, the applicant proposed as special conditions: to achieve at least a 75% survival rate on the plantings by the end of 5 growing seasons, to install no fencing on the project area, to produce an annual report to the Commission (by November 30th of each of 5 growing seasons) on the success of planted species and invasive species management, and to conduct no mowing in the newly planted buffer area in perpetuity.

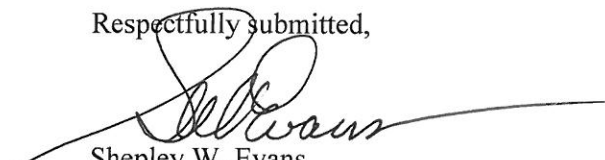
Motion by Ms. Dezieck, second by Mr. Cohen, to close the public hearing. Unanimous approval. Motion by Ms. Dezieck, second by Ms. Bozzuto, to Approve the project and issue an Order of Conditions (as above). Unanimous approval.

Miscellaneous matters:

The Commission concluded its ongoing review of the final report of consultants Kyle Zick Landscape Architecture, Inc. (KZLA) dated June 17, 2016 on Lake Mansfield Recreation Area Improvements. On a **motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Mankin, to endorse and recommend the consultant's Final Comprehensive Plan presented in Section III of the Final Report, the Commission voted to approve, 5 – 0, with one abstention.**

Adjournment. On a **motion by Ms. Dezieck, second by Mr. Mankin, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 6:15 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,


Shepley W. Evans
Conservation Agent