

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014

3:30 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL

PRESENT: ANDREW MANKIN, Chairman; JESS DEZIECK, Vice-Chairman;
LISA BOZZUTO; KATE VAN OLST; GAETAN LACHANCE;
DAVID SHANAHAN (left early); SHEP EVANS, Conservation Agent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mankin called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM.

A request has been received from Rob Hoogs of Foresight Land Services on behalf of the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire (CDCSB) to amend the Order of Conditions issued for 100 Bridge Street on 5-02-2013 and amended on 3-13-2014 to allow wetlands that are permanently altered on-site to be mitigated by restoring an open channel stream and wetlands off-site, at a location near the proposed redevelopment site of 100 Bridge Street.

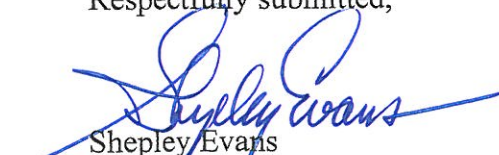
Following a site visit conducted on July 1st, Mr. Hoogs presented language of a proposed amendment, reviewed the plans for the restoration project and highlighted comments and suggestions received from the Natural Heritage Program reviewer(s). These included that the mouth of the stream will be widened as it empties into the Housatonic River to accommodate fish passage; that "root wads" will be built into the bank of the stream to mitigate against bank erosion during storm events; project proponents will provide qualified technical support person(s) to identify, inventory and protect fresh water mussels in the area; and, finally, that most of the construction work associated with daylighting the stream and returning it to much of its former natural channel will be done "in the dry" with very little disturbance to the presently bypassed natural channel. The existing 48 inch culvert pipe which presently carries the unnamed stream to the river will remain as an emergency channel to be available when heavy flows result from storm events.

MOTION : Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing. SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 5-0 Unanimous approval.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the amendment as presented by Mr. Hoogs adding that the work will be carried out in accordance with consultations and plans approved by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 5-0 Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, by a unanimous vote of 5-0 the Commission adjourned its meeting at 4:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Shepley Evans
Conservation Agent