

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016
6:30 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION
37 STATE ROAD**

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

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.

The Conservation Commission Agent reports that David Inglis is back in the area and ready to begin working on this project very soon.

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

September 22, 2016

SECOND: Lisa B.

VOTE: 5-0

WPA RDA from Mass Department of Transportation (MassDOT) for pavement resurfacing work on Route 7 from the Sheffield Town Line to the end of the state highway layout just south of Brookside Road. This RDA is a renewal of a previously issued Determination which expires on October 22, 2016.

MOTION: Jess D moves to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Lisa B.

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jess D moves to issue a negative number two.

SECOND: Lisa B.

VOTE: 5-0

WPA RDA from Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates for John & Claudia Ryan for a septic system upgrade including a new plumb chamber and leaching field at 684 South Egremont Road, Map 30 Lot 58A.

Mike Parsons spoke on behalf of this RDA.

Lisa Bozzuto inquired about the amount of trees that will be removed. They agreed that each tree removed is replaced with another, 1:1 replanting. The Board decided that White Pine should be the replacement species.

MOTION: Jess D moves to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Andrew M

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jess D moves to issue a negative number two.

SECOND: Andrew M

VOTE: 5-0

SMA NOI from Margaret Brownell & Adam Medina for removal of invasive trees, shrubs, and vines on the upper third of a parcel of land at 25 Knob Hill Road, Map 10 Lot 25, in order to return to terraced hillside to its former agriculture use and productive potential.

Dennis Downing representing Margaret Brownell and Adam Medina.

They agreed that Margaret and Adam can clear all brush that does not exceed a 4" diameter and then Margaret will come back to the Board for a site visit. The Board will then assess how many trees and shrubs can be removed.

MOTION: Jess moves to continue the public hearing until Margaret is ready to have the Board come for a site visit.

SECOND: Andrew M.

VOTE: 5-0

Miscellaneous matters:

- **McAllister Reserve-** Report of the Ad Hoc Committee and Discussions of Land Use Regulations and Enforcement Issues.

At a recent site visit Andrew M noticed the prevalence of invasive species on the property. He reported that some type of work needs to be done to address this issue or the landscape is going to drastically change in the next 4-8 years. The Board discussed funding options for such a project.

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

Natural heritage program sent a letter to Mr. Larkin. There is a suggested solution to remediate the injury to protected habitat.

- **Moses Clark LLC Enforcement Order** issued **8-19-2013**.
518 Egremont Rd. A pond was dug with a water source being the Green River. Emily Stockman has called for an inspection on the plantings for the slope.

Citizen speak time – None

Approval of Minutes of the July 28, 2016 Conservation Commission Meeting.

MOTION: Jess D moves to approve the July 28 Meeting Minutes as corrected.

SECOND: Andrew M

VOTE: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, Seconded by Andrew Mankin, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Jurczyk
Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rebecca Jurczyk', written in black ink.