

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014  
6:30 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman  
LISA BOZZUTO  
JEFF COHEN  
JESSICA DEZIECK  
GAETAN LACHANCE  
DAVID SHANAHAN  
KATE VAN OLST

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mankin 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.** Shep Evans read a statement from Mr. Inglis that spoke about Conservation restrictions and fundraising efforts.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 9/23/14 meeting

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

**Request for a Certificate of Compliance with an Order of Conditions issued on March 27, 2014 for reconstruction of a single family residence at 56 River Street, Map 14 Lot 258. DEP File 167-0382. Alexander Thorp of Accord Engineering for Deidre Corcoran.**

Shep Evans stated that, when the time comes, the silt fence will need to be removed very carefully.

David Shanahan agreed and said that there is a very good reason for removing the silt fence and it should be made known; there will be an environmental problem if not removed.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue the Certificate of Compliance with an Order of Conditions

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

**WPA NOI from Berkshire Engineering for Butternut Basin, Inc. at 380 State Road, Map 42 Lot 2. The work includes the replacement of two culverts with single larger culverts to achieve compliance with stream crossing standards.**

Nick Anderson explained the project. It will be subject to storm water standards; therefore, there is a storm water standard management plan included.

David Shanahan stated that the maintenance of all of the structures is key.

Jessica Dezieck asked that any mention of hay in the plan get changed to straw waddles.

Andrew Mankin asked for an enlarged storm water system in the revised plan at the next meeting.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 9/23/14 meeting  
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 7-0

**WPA RDA - Will Conklin of Greenagers for Community Health Programs (CHP) for the installation of "bog bridging", a footbridge and mowing of a 4 to 6 foot wide grassy path through fields at 442-444 Stockbridge Road, Map 36 Lots 25A & 25B.**

Will Conklin submitted maps and photos of the project.

The major part of construction will take place late Spring of next year.

The trail will be constructed with minor brushing this Fall.

The Bog Bridges and footbridge work will be done in the Summer of 2015.

This trail intersects with Fountain Pond.

David Shanahan expressed his concern about access being created that is big enough for a vehicle.

Will responded that DCR would have the same concern, so they can make a plan to block the area from such access.

Jeff Cohen asked how the area will be maintained.

Will Conklin responded that CHP will keep it mowed, BRC will also assist and Greenagers always keeps an eye on trails.

Kate Van Olst suggested flagging after the entrance is mowed.

Jessica Dezieck said that invasive management should be included in the plan.

Lisa Bozzuto suggested that 'tick' signs be put up.

Andrew Mankin suggested that Bog Bridging avoid late March, April and May to protect the habitat.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing  
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 7-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a Negative #2 with Bog Bridge work not being done between March 1 and June 1.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 7-0

**WPA RDA from Berkshire Hills Regional School District for trenching and installation of 4 inch conduit and approximately 650 feet of fiber-optic cable from the elementary school to the high school along an existing pathway between two bordering vegetated wetland areas and parallel to a pre-existing buried fiber-optic cable that is failing. Project location is 318 Monument Valley Road, Map 39 Lot 20.**

Steve Soule presented the project. A trench will be dug from the north end of the elementary school to the High School. The old wire will remain in place.

Andrew spoke about the need to put up a silt fence in a small area. Steve Soule replied that this will be put into place.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing  
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 7-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a Negative #3

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

**WPA NOI 167-0385 Kirt Mayland of Housatonic Solar 1, LLC will update the Commission on various aspects of the project including discussions with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program staff concerning turtle habitat & buffer area on Neenah Paper property.**

**Continued from May 28, 2014.**

Kirt Mayland requested a continuation.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 9/23/14 meeting

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

Andrew Mankin said that this is a complicated project with a lot of work to be done in and near the wetlands. He suggested a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review to go over all of the details before any approval is given.

Shep Evans said that he has contacted Emily Stockman to do this. Emily submitted a quote for the sub-contract - \$2720.

All Commission members agree that Shep Evans will call Kirt Mayland to discuss this plan.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to hire Emily Stockman as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant contingent upon Shep Evans' conversation with applicant, Kirt Mayland.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

Miscellaneous:

- Dr. Todd Golub and Arthur Jackson explained the changes to their project. No new trees will be cut.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the amended plans as presented with the condition that there is a signed and dated plan submitted for the file.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

- Shep Evans said that there will be a meeting with the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Selectboard. A representative from the EPA will be present.  
The Town Manager asked if anyone would like to be part of the process of drafting a town response to the proposed clean-up of the Housatonic River.  
Jessica Dezieck and Lisa Bozzuto both expressed interest.
- Discussion of adopting standard conditions for RDAs and NOIs.  
Shep Evans spoke about the possibility of adopting standard conditions. He presented the Commission with information to take home and read. More discussion to follow.
- Discussion of the order of meetings and site visits.  
Shep Evans asked if the Commission likes the order of meetings and site visits. He said that site visits can also be done after the first meeting.

Andrew Mankin said that he feels that it is hard to understand the information presented at the first meeting without having completed a site visit. He feels that a site visit before the meeting also prepares the applicant for the meeting.

Jeff Cohen said that he finds it convenient to have the site visit the same week as the project.

Gaetan Lachance said that knowing the project first allows one to understand what they are seeing at the site visit.

No change was made.

- Approval of Minutes from the July 23, 2014 meeting.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the July 23, 2014 minutes

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

- Other last minute items

Shep Evans announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> phragmites treatment at Lake Mansfield has been completed.

Jeff Cohen asked what happens if an owner does not record an OOC? He suggested a better system.

Jeff Cohen also asked that an effort be made to conserve paper.

Shep Evans said that he will only provide 4 copies of items instead of 7.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker  
Secretary