

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 6:35 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, **October 27, 2016**

**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 the terraced hillside to it's former agriculture use and productive potential. **Continued from August 25, 2016.**

Conservation Agent Shep Evans received an email from the applicant stating that they have decided to remove the NOI. They are discontinuing restoration projects and reconsidering plans for the property. No motion was made.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance** from a S-K Design Group for Monument Valley LLC re: DEP File # 167-0330 NOI for substantial site work and construction of two commercial buildings to be located on South Main Street and on Brookside Road, Map 38 Lot 12E. The site work was completed, but because the buildings were never built, and the original Order of Conditions has expired, this request is a request for a Certificate of "Partial Compliance."

**MOTION:** Jess D moves to issue Certificate of Partial Compliance.

**SECOND:** Andrew M.

**VOTE: 5-0**

**Miscellaneous matters:**

- **McAllister Reserve-** Discussion with Jess Toro of Native Habitat Restoration LLC regarding invasive plant management and control at the McAllister Reserve.

Jess Toro made the suggestion that Native Habitat Restoration consider a broad approach to enhance each of the different habitats. Jess T will only consider the trails that have already been mapped on the preserve.

**MOTION:** Andrew M. motions to accept the proposal from Native Habitat Restoration and to move forward with the first \$1,500 of the plan and coming back for approval for the remaining \$1,000

**SECOND:** Lisa B.

**VOTE: 5-0**

- **Narain Schroeder, BNRC** –preview of upcoming bridge project over Thomas and Palmer Brook.

BNRC would like to move forward with applying for CPA funding and is seeking preliminary consent from the Commission. Narain requests that the Conservation Commission schedule a site visit. No motion was made.

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

The Conservation Commission Agent is in communication with the Town Manager and the regional DEP manager in regards to what the expected actions will be.

- **Moses Clark LLC Enforcement Order issued 8-19-2013 – Requested letter of compliance.**

Emily Stockman has visited the site. The next step is to issue a letter stating that Moses Clark LLC is required to comply with what is required under the enforcement order.

- **Hapman Holdings LLC –DEP 167-0404 small adjustments to solar panel layout.**

Andrew Mankin's recusal from the discussion/ vote is due to him being the applicant for Hapman Holdings.

Andrew informs the commission that they are changing the original plan by adding 4ft to some of the arrays and taking 4ft away from the remaining arrays. His intention is to keep the Commission up to date with his proceedings.

**MOTION:** Jess D. moves to approve the amended plan as presented and dated 09/19/16.

**SECOND:** Lisa B.

**VOTE:** 4-0

- **Discussion of a statement re: Lake Mansfield project for upcoming Select Board meeting.**

Shep Evans read the letter drafted by himself and Chairman LaChance to the rest of the board. No amendments were made to the letter.

- **Discussion of invasive management and possible herbicide treatment for Lake Mansfield.**

Lisa Bozzuto left the meeting.

The treatment will affect an isolated area of the lake. The conservation Commission is not interested in paying for this project.

**Citizen speak time** – None

**Approval of Minutes** of the August 25, 2016 Conservation Commission Meeting.

**MOTION:** Andrew M moves to approve the August 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

**SECOND:** Jess D

**VOTE:** 4-0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, Seconded by Andrew Mankin, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Jurczyk  
Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Jurczyk', written over the typed name and title.