

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015  
6:30 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:**           ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman  
                  LISA BOZZUTO  
                  JEFF COHEN  
                  JESSICA DEZIECK  
                  GAETAN LACHANCE  
                  DAVID SHANAHAN – not present

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mankin called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

For the record: there is no electricity due to a storm, therefore no lights.

**WPA RDA - from Robert and Yvonne Forman, property on Hillside Avenue, Map 14 Lot 158.  
The applicants are seeking a determination whether a small stream of water and land  
adjacent are an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.**

Emily Stockman presented the abutter list to the Commission.

Emily presented a map of the property and spoke about the wetland delineation.

She explained that there will be minimum excavation with most of the construction done on the slab.

Jeff Cohen asked if a frost wall is needed on a slab.

Emily Stockman responded that minimal excavation is required.

Jess Dezieck said that she would love to see the property around it improved.

Emily Stockman said that the Foreman's don't own the property yet but this could be made a condition.

Mrs. Foreman said that she would need to know the conditions in order to determine if she will purchase the property.

Andrew Mankin said that the Commission would like to see improvement to the wetland area, invasive management and a no-mow area.

Emily Stockman gave options for wetland improvements.

Andrew Mankin reiterated that there is no mowing in the wetlands.

After further discussion, the Commission decided on the following conditions:

- No mow in wetlands
- Improvement to the wetlands
- No loss to the back part of the buffer
- Buffer zone marked

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to approve the delineation of the property

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to issue a negative #3 and approve the RDA with the following conditions:

- No mow in wetlands
- Engineered plan with improvements to the wetlands and buffer
- No further loss of wetland and buffer
- Buffer zone marked with permanent markers
- Invasive management

SECOND: Jeff Cohen

VOTE: 3-2 Lisa Bozzuto and Gaetan Lachance against

**SMA Request for Certificate of Compliance from Housatonic Architectural Services LLC for Kenneth Alpart, property at 250 Long Pond Road, Map 33 Lot 6. Original NOI filed on 10/05/2007 and OOC recorded in Book 1835 Page 149.**

Shep Evans read a letter from Mr. Alpart.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to issue a certificate of compliance

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

**SMA RDA from Housatonic Architectural Services LLC for Ken Alpart, property at 250 Long Pond Road, Map 33 Lot 6. The applicant seeks to construct a 35 ft. x 60 ft. pole barn type structure to be situated in a previously approved location under the original SMA NOI.**

Diego Gutierrez explained the project. There will not be any further cutting of trees.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to issue a negative #4

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

**WPA RDA from Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Assoc. for John Tracy & Linda Hoddy, property at 224 North Plain Road, Map 28 Lot 2. The applicant seeks to replace the foundation under an existing enclosed porch, adding a deck and handicap accessible ramp to the south side of the existing house and creating four gravel covered parking spaces, all within the Riverfront area.**

Mike Parsons explained the project. He explained that project is in the riverfront but away from the river.

Shep Evans read the exempt activities for a riverfront.

Diego Gutierrez explained that there will be a reconstructed foundation for the covered porch. There will be a wood deck with no footings; 'floating deck.'

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to issue a negative #3

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

**WPA NOI DEP # 167-0393 from Bridghe McCracken of Helia Land Design for Y.Judd and Susan W. Shoval, property at 164 Castle Hill Avenue, Map 32 Lot 83A. The applicant is seeking to extend an existing boardwalk adjacent to Lake Mansfield.**

Bridghe McCracken explained the project.

The trees, shrubs and rocks on the project will not be affected.

Bridghe said that Peter Jensen will do the work with no machinery.

There will be no work in the resource area. Additional quartzite boulders are proposed for under the boards.

Jess Dezieck said that she is not happy with the extension of the shrubbery into the lake.

Bridghe reported that a great job has been done with re-vegetation.

All members of the Commission agree that the extension of the walkway is too big.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to approve plan as amended with 8x10 boardwalk extension to start at the existing junction at the boardwalk.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

**WPA NOI DEP # 167-0394 from Berkshire Engineering for Navin Shah of Holiday Inn, property at 415 Stockbridge Road, Map 29 Lot 6. The applicant is seeking to expand the existing parking area to support an addition to the existing building.**

MOTION: Lisa Bozzuto to continue the public hearing until the 6/24/15 meeting

SECOND: Jeff Cohen

VOTE: 4-0-1 Andrew Mankin recused

Miscellaneous:

- Update Report of the "working group" on Wetland Bylaw & Regs and Scenic Mountain Regs.

Regulations will be revised by a working group and does not require a vote at Town Meeting.  
More discussion to come.

- Update Report of the "working group" for Greenager and other projects at McAllister property.

No progress to report.

Shep Evans distributed a draft letter to the Fairgrounds for the Commission to approve.

The letter will be sent also to Seth Keyes and Kirt Mayland electronically and as a hard copy letter.

Jeff Cohen spoke about delineation of the Fairgrounds and asked if the Commission should hire someone to do a professional delineation.

Andrew Mankin replied that it would be unusual to do so.

- Approval of Minutes of the April 30, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to approve the minutes as amended

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

- Approval of Minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting.
- MOTION: Jess Dezieck to approve the minutes as amended  
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto  
VOTE: 5-0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker  
Secretary