

Great Barrington Conservation Commission Meeting
Selectman's Meeting Room, Town Hall
July 27, 2011

ATTENDEES: Pat Kinne, Andrew Mankin, Jessica Dezieck, Jennifer Connell, Bruce Gore, David Shannahan

Chairman Kinne opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. RDA for 131 Hurlburt Road, filed by Enore and Ursula Ceola
Had asked for a postponement of the public hearing until next month.
MOTION: Andrew Mankin that we postpone the public hearing until 7:00 on August 24th.
SECOND: Jessica Dezieck
VOTE: 6-0, all in favor
2. Certificate of Compliance for 337 Long Pond Road, DEP File #167-0335
Jessica Dezieck and Agent Sewell visited the property. Two old houses had been demolished, and a replacement house has been built. Agent Sewell stated that the changes have been improvements, such as changing locations to save trees, and increasing buffer zones. The main concern is that a final plan is created identifying everything that has changed. No voting was necessary tonight; discussion was just informative.
3. 325 Stockbridge Road, Special Permit #790-11, filed by Fennuil Ramadani
Nick Arienti represented Fennuil Ramadani, who filed for a Special Permit on June 13th, 2011.


Fennuil Ramadani applies to operate a small pizza/Italian restaurant at 325 Stockbridge Road under Section 3.1.4C21 zoning district/industrial zoning district. Agent Sewell will write a letter to the Select board stating that although the Commission could not vote formally, there seem to be no concerns as long as all construction is inside the building..
4. CHP Stockbridge Road Update
Agent Sewell has written a letter to Bill Welspeak. Chairman Kinne clarified that the removal of three trees referenced was not the trees in the front of the building; the trees were to the east of the building by the carport. Agent Sewell will update Bill Welspeak of the information.
5. 9 Buttowdown Lane Update
Jessica Dezieck stated that the pool has been installed and the area has been regraded, and though the area looks different from the original plan, it is not negatively impacted. She and Agent Sewell found holes by the site where it appears that something has been dug up; this has been brought up to Rob Ackroyd and he will talk to Tom Farley. Chairman Kinne expressed concern that the 100-foot area of the DEP Enforcement Order is reduced to a 75-foot area. Agent Sewell has taken photos and has informed David Folis from the DEP.
6. Approval of June 22, 2011 meeting minutes
A motion was requested by Chairman Kinne. No other board members had received the minutes. They will be voted on at the next meeting.
7. Agent Sewell clarified that Christine Ward is rewriting the Lake Mansfield Motorized Policy. She presented it at the previous meeting, but it wasn't voted on. Agent Sewell will email her to

request a finalized version and The Commission will vote on the policy at the August 24th meeting.

8. Chairman Kinne brought up how important minutes from previous meetings are. The DEP of Boston notified Karen Hirschberg that Monument Valley Middle School filled in a pond for their rear parking lot. Chairman Kinne and Andrew Mankin had gone to the property at the time of the construction to examine a supposed vernal pool in the back of the property. They had determined that the pond was not jurisdictional, and there were no other concerns. According to Andrew Mankin, there wasn't a pond, but an old gravel pit. Karen Hirschberg will be going up to the office to go through old minutes, and Chairman Kinne and Karen Hirschberg will be going to visit the site again. Jessica Dezieck questioned whether the area could be a wetlands change situation.
9. Agent Sewell requested clarification of policies regarding the highway department. Joe Sokol, the Great Barrington Town Engineer, is currently sealing cracks and fixing guardrails, and had questioned just what he needs to approach The Committee for. She stated that he is supposed to notify The Committee if he works within 100 feet of a wetland. Agent Sewell will check for a written policy, and will speak with Elaine Hines and Pete Soules.
10. McAllister Property Activities
Agent Sewell will be visiting the property on Tuesday, August 9th at 4:00 PM to walk the property with Deb Phillips and Jess Wike to get a better sense of the property as a whole. Neighbors are volunteering to care for the property, but it is the CC's responsibility to ensure that the McAllister's wishes for the property are fulfilled. There is dispute as to the Ellman property line, and Chairman Kinne stressed the importance of hiring a surveyor to determine property lines, as people have been given permission to hunt on the Ellman property, but because of lack of property line definition, they also hunt on the McAllister land. Agent Sewell identified that The Committee previously sent a letter to Lee Ellman giving him permission to mow and ride horses on the trails, but asking him to alter some things such as jumps in the trails. Morvan Allen has a ten year haying agreement with the Commission.
11. NOI – Maple Avenue, Map 30, Lot 45, DEP file #167-0343, filed by George Beebe
MOTION: Andrew Mankin that we continue public hearing to 7:30 on August 24th
SECOND: Jessica Dezieck
VOTE: 5-0; David Shanahan recused himself from voting.
12. A motion to adjourn was requested.
MOTION: David Shanahan to adjourn the meeting at 7:50
SECOND: Chairman Kinne
VOTE: 6-0, all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Paige Cerulli, Secretary