

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013
7:00 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman
LISA BOZZUTO
JENNIFER CONNELL
JESSICA DEZIECK
BRUCE GORE
DAVID SHANAHAN
AMANDA SEWALL – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mankin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

7pm – 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 Natural Heritage Endangered Species Habitat and a 100 year flood plain. Representative Tim Coote.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until March 27, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Fire House.

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 5-0 David Shanahan not yet present

7:05pm – WPA NOI – 167-03 from Lindsey Tuller of Riverbend Café at 405 Stockbridge Rd for the installation of a 10x20 cooler at the back of the building

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue NOI 167-03 until March 27, 2013 at 7:05 PM at the Fire House.

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 6-0

7:15pm – WPA/SMA RDA – 8 Butternut Lane for the removal of 11 trees in buffer zone of an intermittent stream and SMA area. Representative: John Field
Susan Bubanis stated that the owner of the property would like to remove 11 trees, with only 9 in the buffer zone. Most of the trees could be accessed from the bucket truck in the driveway. Any others would be accessed by climbing. There will be no soil disturbance or water-shed issues. Andrew Mankin said that they did a site visit and the Conservation Commission determined that there were wetlands on the Northeast side of the house, as well as an intermittent stream just up a bit from the back of the house. Some of the trees were in the wetland area and the others are very close. The Conservation Commission has determined that there are 2 trees that could be removed and still accomplish what the owner is looking for. Andrew Mankin stated if the owner wants to take down the other trees, the wetland area would have to be delineated. The Commission pointed out 2 Hemlocks that could be removed without wetland delineation. They also offered to come out in the Spring to make a clear determination regarding what areas may or may not be wetlands.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until March 27, 2013 at 7:15 PM at the Fire House.

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 6-0

7:30pm – WPA RDA – 8 Kalliste Hill Rd – From Steve and Jenny Fenig for an addition to a single family home in the outer buffer zone. Representative: Evan Hardcastle
Evan Hardcastle presented a spec-sheet. He said during construction, there will be a silt fence and straw wattles. Excavation debris will be kept 10 ft off of that silt fence. There will be 5 native species planted.

Jessica Dezieck asked that the piles are covered if there is rain.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Bruce Gore

VOTE: 6-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue a negative number 3 with citing the plan with February 26, 2013 revisions and the specifications of water management.

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 6-0

7:45pm – WPA 167-0372 – 55 Hurlburt Road from Beth Sackler and Jeffery Cohen for driveway construction and stream crossing, demolition of in-ground pool, garage addition to carriage house, and invasive management plan all within the jurisdiction of an intermittent stream. Representative: SK Design and Craig Okerstrom-Lang
Craig Okerstrom-Lang presented a map of the property and the intended improvements.
Sarah Schultz presented plans for the buffer zone area.

Amanda Sewall expressed her concern for the bank area and the possibility of erosion during the removal. She asked that netting be in place during the planting. Craig Okerstrom-Lang said that he would be able to do this.

Andrew Mankin said that the goal is to make this whole property healthier environmentally. Andrew said that he would like to see the other wetland area be delineated since it hasn't been yet. Andrew also expressed his concern about the invasive species and said that work will be done very close to the resource area.

Amanda Sewall said that a quadrant plan would be helpful.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until March 27, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Fire House.

SECOND: Bruce Gore

VOTE: 6-0

8:00pm - WPA NOI for Phragmites management plan at Agawam Lake.

Representative: Chris Buelow from NHESP

Chris Buelow presented the phragmites management plan for Agawam Lake.

This is one of the Heritage Programs top priorities in the State. They have also identified phragmites as the number one threat to this site. This will be bid out to contractors. Less than an acre is in Great Barrington's jurisdiction. Chris said they are using herbicide application to do the control. For this area in Great Barrington it would be a half of a day treatment. There is funding from DOT to do this project.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Bruce Gore

VOTE: 6-0

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the NOI for Agawam Lake with the special conditions as noted.

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

Andrew said that all of the properties nearby are covered in invasive species.

David Shanahan said that he believes that these wood piles were part of an original plan that was approved.

Amanda Sewall said that she does not know when they arrived and they may be post certificate of compliance.

Amanda said that she will check into this.

•Town Master Plan: Natural Resources, Open Space and Recreation – Chris Rembold presented the portion of the master plan covering such. Chris said that he would like to have another open space forum in April to review the final draft of this document. Chris asked for the Commissions overall impression.

Andrew Mankin clarified page 9, saying that it is owned by the town and managed the Commission. Chris responded that it is, indeed, managed by the Commission.

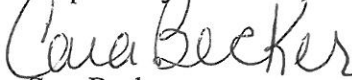
Andrew spoke about the part in the document that talks about the connection between the Great Barrington water supply and the Housatonic water supply; the document states that there is no connection. Chris responded that there is not a physical connection.

Andrew Mankin spoke about the need for more hours and better pay for the Conservation Agent in order to protect the natural resources of the area.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Jennifer Connell, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 9:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara Becker".

Cara Becker

Secretary