

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017  
6:30 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION  
37 STATE ROAD**

**PRESENT:**

GAETAN LACHANCE – Chairman  
BILL BOYER  
LISA BOZZUTO  
JEFF COHEN  
JESSICA DEZIECK  
ANDREW MANKIN  
DAVID SHANAHAN –absent  
SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman LaChance 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.

Ira Kaplan, attorney for Dave Inglis, is in the process of issuing a Conservation Restriction.

**MOTION:** Andrew Mankin motioned to continue **WPA NOI 167-0369** until the next meeting, **April 26, 2017**

**SECOND:** Lisa B

**VOTE: 5-0**

Jess Dezieck entered the meeting.

**Notice of Intent (DEP # 167-0334)** Linda Shafiroff of Creative Building Solutions, Amendment to Plan by Berkshire Engineering for Blackwater Realty Trust dated 12-10-2008, Lot #3, at #5 Roger Road, Map37 Parcel 1B.

Ms. Shafiroff intends to construct a smaller building than what was previously presented.

**MOTION:** Jess Dezieck motioned to amend to the smaller size house to the new plan, dated March 16, 2017.

**SECOND:** Andrew Mankin

**VOTE: 6-0**

Diego Gutierrez, Former Riverbend Café space has a potential tenant who would like to eventually increase the number of seats inside and outside the restaurant.

Andrew Mankin was concerned about an increase in activity in close proximity to the river. Mr. Mankin suggested an increase in protection around the buffer zone if there is to be more outdoor seating.

Diego clarified that they will only add the additional seating if the Planning Board waives the requirement for additional parking spaces.

Gaetan asked if the parking was outside of the 200ft. buffer zone. The parking lot resides within the 200ft. buffer zone. Mr. Mankin suggested to Mr. Gutierrez that if there are intentions to have any activity outside the restaurant the tenant should file an RDA application for the conservation commission to review. Agent Shep Evans suggested placing boulders as barriers around the seating area; boulders will deter humans while not hindering access for wildlife.

**Miscellaneous matters:**

- **Wetland Violations** on the Larkin Property at Map 38 Lot 44. Discussion of the non-criminal citation issued on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.  
Larkins have been issued a non-criminal citation via certified mail for \$300.00 due on March 29, 2017. Jeff Cohen suggested if the initial fine is not paid by 3/29/17 \$300.00 will incur daily until there is a solution deemed satisfactory by the Commission.

**MOTION:** Jeff Cohen motioned to fine the Larkins as of March 30, 2017 \$300.00 per day until there is a resolution that is satisfactory to the ongoing violation.

**SECOND:** Jess Dezieck

**VOTE: 6-0**

Lisa Bozzuto suggested that the Agent send a letter to Mass DEP informing them of the Con. Commission's decision on how to proceed with this matter.

Agent Evans informed the Commission that he and Jess Toro had a meeting about the McAllister Reserve. Ms. Toro is reviewing the Mass GIS maps of the area.

Agent Evans requested signatures from the Commissioners on the Order of Conditions for the Green House Partners project.

- **Citizen speak time**
- **Approval of Minutes** of the February 22, 2017 Conservation Commission Meeting.  
Minutes had not been submitted for the February 22, 2017 meeting.
- **Adjournment**  
On a motion made by Jess Dezieck, seconded by Andrew Mankin the Conservation Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Jurczyk  
Recording Secretary

