

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 2017
6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET**

PRESENT:

GAETAN LACHANCE
BILL BOYER
LISA BOZZUTO
JEFF COHEN
JESSICA DEZIECK
ANDREW MANKIN

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Gaetan 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 from Attorney Ira Kaplan.

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

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 6 -0

WPA NOI 167-0410 from Foresight Land Services on behalf of the Town of Great Barrington DPW, property is the Town Right of Way on Fairview Terrace. Work includes cleaning out a drainage ditch and clearing clogged culverts, as permitted by Emergency Certification issued 3-28-2017. **Continued from May 31, 2017**

MOTION: Andrew Mankin moved to issue a standard order of conditions for five years with the addition of a storm water maintenance plan.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 6-0

Discussion of Special Permit Application from Tighe & Bond for a solar project on West Plain Road by Kearsarge Solar LLC.

Andrew Mankin recuses himself from the discussion/vote because the applicant is his business partner.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck moved to instruct the Agent to draft a letter to the planning board stating that the project is non-jurisdictional to the Conservation Commission.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

Discussion of land use regulations (and habitat management?) for the McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

The following changes of the land use regulations were discussed for the McAllister Wildlife Refuge;

§ 217-28.2 Collection of Plant Material. *Collection of berries and mushrooms or other plant material is prohibited.*

§217-28.3 Horse Riding. *Horse riding is allowed on trails with written permission from the Commission.*

§217-28.4 Dog Walking. *Dogs shall be kept on a leash at all times.*

§217.28.5 Overnight Camping. *Overnight Camping is not allowed.*

§217.28.11 Alcoholic Beverages. *Possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, or smoking are all prohibited.*

Conservation Agent, Shep Evans said he would draft a final version for review at the next meeting, July 28 2017.

The Commission discussed the possibility of having McAlister stewarded by another local organization such as Greenagers. The eventual stewards would assist with keeping the invasive species under control. Jess Toro is going to give an update on the invasive species management plan at the next meeting.

WPA NOI 167-???? from Berkshire Engineering on behalf of Camp Institute of Living Judaism (Camp Eisner), property at 52 Brookside Road, Map 38 Lot 11. Pursuant to findings of the most recent Dam Safety inspection at Eisner Pond required by MassDCR, the proposed work will include: tree removal, retaining wall removal and repair, grading, slope stabilization, repairs to the dam outlet, repair or replacement of the low level outlet structure, clearing accumulated sediment from the inlet structure and repair or replacement of the inlet valve, construction of a gravel access road from the bank of Eisner Pond to the area of the outlet structure and removal of less than 100 cu. yd. of sediment.
Continued from May 31, 2017 and, at the applicant's request, to be continued to July 26, 2017.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin moved to continue the WPA NOI until the next meeting.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 6-0

Discussion of an enforcement letter issued to Marion Gilliam on April 6, 2017 concerning cutting, thinning and burning trees and understory vegetation on a 15 acre property on Monument Valley Road south of the intersection with Stony Brook Road, Map 36 Lot 21. A representative of Berkshire Engineering will present and discuss the extent of alteration and

VOTE: 5-1 Jess Dezieck abstained from the vote because she was not present for the May meeting

- The Conservation Commission discussed arranging a site visit for Flag Rock Farm before the July 28 meeting. Jeff Cohen asked the Conservation Agent for a recommendation on whether or not Flag Rock should be subjected to the same species survivability policy as other enforcement orders.
- **Citizen Speak time:** None.
- **Approval of Minutes** of the May 31, 2017 Conservation Commission Meetings.

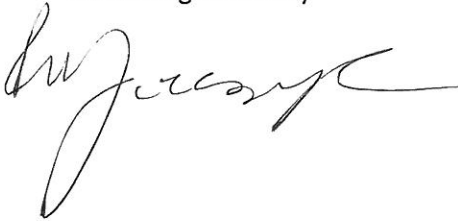
MOTION: Andrew Mankin moved to approve the May 31, 2017 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-1 Jess Dezieck abstained from the vote because she was not present for the May meeting.

- **Adjournment:** On a motion made by Andrew Mankin, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM with a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Jurczyk
Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rebecca Jurczyk', written in black ink.

