

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

PRESENT: ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman
 BILL BOYER
 LISA BOZZUTO
 JEFF COHEN
 JESSICA DEZIECK
 GAETAN LACHANCE
 DAVID SHANAHAN

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

WPA NOI DEP #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.

Shep Evans read an E-mail from Dave Inglis.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to continue the public hearing until October 28, 2015

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

WPA NOI 167- 0398 from Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc for the Town of Great Barrington Department of Public Works. The work includes: New wastewater pumps and controls; new mechanical bar screen and washer-compactor with controls; a manual bypass bar screen as back-up; new plant water booster system to improve flow capacity; new influent flow combination vault; a new odor control system; pavement repair throughout the site and new site fencing to replace existing fencing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 100 Bentley Road, Map 20 Lot 94A.

Joe Sokul explained that this project is part of the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade. This is part of phase 2A. There will be no new structures; this is all interior work.

Shep Evans said that Mark Stinson issued a file number, said that the file is exempt and recommended that the Conservation Commission issue a negative determination #5.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to issue a negative #5

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

WPA Request for Determination of Applicability from the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), property is Beartown State Forest. The work will include the installation of four gates along Benedict Pond Road, three blocking gravel interior roads and one blocking Benedict Pond Road itself at the intersection of the westerly end of Beartown Mountain Road. Map 40 Lot 1.

Rich Brazo explained the project. This work includes the installation of four gates along Benedict Pond Road. There will be minimal impact.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to issue a negative #3

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

WPA Request for Determination of Applicability from Bob Harris and Ellen McTigue. The applicant proposes to excavate along the outside of a foundation wall, to treat the outside of the foundation wall to stop a leaking condition, to backfill the trench and seed the area. The work will be within the buffer zone of Barbieri Pond at 84 Monument Valley Road, Map41 Lot 7C.

Phillip McTigue represented the owners. He said that a licensed contractor will be used and all recommendations will be followed.

Shep Evans explained that erosion controls are needed before any digging can begin. A stockpile area is needed which should be tarped and staked.

Andrew Mankin requested that Shep Evans perform a site visit when the silt fence is in.

She Evans said that he is planning on doing so. He will also give the contractor a document explaining the proper installation of the silt fence.

Jeff Cohen said that he is concerned that more excavation will be needed. He asked if Shep could be given the authority to approve in such case.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to close the public hearing

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to issue a negative #3 with the following conditions; Silt fence and straw waddles in place and a stockpile area that is tarped and staked. Shep Evans will inspect before the start of the project.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 7-0

Miscellaneous:

Citizen Speak Time: none

- Shep Evans gave out information about the Fall Conference.

SMA NOI # 13 from Bridghe W. McCracken of Helia Land Design, Inc. for Y. Judd and Susan W Shoval, Trustees of Lakeview Nominee Realty Trust. The project includes construction of a 20' x 27' steel-framed carport with a vegetated green roof to be located over the existing parking spaces east of the Shoval house at 164 Castle Hill Avenue, Map 32 Lot 83A.

Bridghe McCracken and Nick Anderson presented the plan. The plan is to put a carport over an existing parking area. A retaining wall will be put in so the grades will be similar to the original. The trees will remain the same.

Nick Anderson reported that the parking area will be gravel. The roof will be a vegetative roof with a 5% pitch. There will be no utilities going to it.
There was discussion about maintenance of the vegetative roof.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to close the public hearing
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 7-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to approve with standard Order of Conditions
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 7-0

WPA NOI # 167-0372 request for an amended Order of Conditions from S-K Design Group, Inc. for Beth B. Sackler Trust, property located at 55 Hurlburt Road, Map 31 Lot 29A. The applicant seeks to add a permanent long-term invasive plant management plan for an intermittent stream corridor on the property.
Jeff Cohen recused

Sarah Shultz reported about the on-going work on the property.
An outline/plan for invasive work is part of the application.
Andrew Mankin asked questions about the items set to be planted when the invasives come out. He noticed that it is mostly going to be small plantings but he was hoping for bigger items or bushes.
Sarah said that she will come back with a planting plan which may be site specific as well.

Jess Dezieck said that she is concerned with spraying. She asked if a chainsaw would be required. Sarah responded that it would be required for buckthorn.
Shep Evans said that 'cutting and painting' application was discussed at the site visit. This is a very specific method which is very different than other options.
Andrew Mankin said that spraying has never been allowed in the resource area.
Andrew said that stabilization of the area may be needed after the invasive removal.

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to close the public hearing
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 7-0

MOTION: Jess Dezieck to approve amended Order of Conditions as presented conditioned upon a 5 year invasive management plan, a phased planting plan to be presented by March 1st and a one time "cut and dab" application of herbicide by a licensed applicator.
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 7-0

- Approval of Minutes of the August 26, 2015 meeting.
MOTION: Jess Dezieck to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2015 meeting
SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto
VOTE: 6-0

The Commission said that they would like to create standard conditions regarding invasive management and application.

Jeff Cohen asked that a financial report be presented at the next meeting.

Shep Evans gave out the final copy of the By-law.
He went through the significant changes made and explained.
Andrew Mankin said that Crissey Farm and Barrington Brewery are creating a flat grassy area to the North of the driveway for parking. The wetland was delineated. This project is not in the floodplain and not jurisdictional but he wanted to provide the information.

Gaetan Lachance gave out information about Lake Mansfield Clean-Up Day to be held on 10/17/15.
He announced the community forum being held on 11/4/15 at Crissey Farm to discuss potential plans for Lake Mansfield Rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Secretary