

**Great Barrington Conservation Commission Meeting
Town Hall, 334 Main Street, Town Manager's Meeting Room
December 19, 2012**

ATTENDEES: Andrew Mankin, Jennifer Connell, Jessica Dezieck, Lisa Bozzuto

Absent: David Shanahan, Bruce Gore

Chairman Mankin brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

7:00pm NOI for new agriculture in the resource area of the Green River, a Natural Heritage Endangered Species Habitat, and a 100-year flood plain.

Agent Sewell said they heard back from Natural Heritage but needs a MEESA review.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the Public Hearing until January 23, 2013 at 7pm.

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 4-0, in favor

7:15pm NOI for the construction of a single-family home with all related site work at 71 Blue Hill Road.

Andrew Mankin noted that a site visit was done.

Steve Mack from Foresight Land Services reviewed the property. The proposal is to take down existing structure and put up a new structure. The garage will come out as well as existing cistern. A new well will go in as well as a new garage. There are proposed underground utilities, selectively thin the tree line to promote growth of mature trees, waddles to be used for erosion control. We will flag the trees. Andrew Mankin asked about erosion control and if the straw waddles were the limit of work line and Steve Mack said they were. Andrew Mankin also asked about storage of material. Steve Mack said that would happen in the lawn area.

Steve Mack said they will submit a Scenic Mountain Acts permit. Asked if there were an exemption with regard to 12.4. Andrew Mankin commented that completely tearing down and completely rebuilding is substantial. Because full excavation and new well and building a house it is substantial.

Agent Sewell noted an NOI is needed. Andrew Mankin wants to make sure that erosion controls are in place and noted where materials will be stored, and flagging of the trees to be taken out.

Agent Sewell asked that there be some type of improvement. Chris Mack said they are proposing 6 new non-invasive trees. Agent Sewell asked if there could be a little bit of buffer and some shrubs, also what species trees to be planted.

Chris Mack mentioned invasive species removal. Will come up with a plan.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until January 23, 2013 at 7:15pm

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 4-0, in favor

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Special Permit #804-12 for the conversion of an existing mill building to a single-family home at 410 Park St., Housatonic.

Nick Andersen, Berkshire Engineering representing Studio One, LLC and Sandra Moss. Minor alteration to the footprint of 400 square feet to the north to accommodate a stair tower and an elevator. Additionally there will be conversion back to green space, moving propane tanks away from the river. There will be substantial water reuse. About 6000 gallons of underground storage for roof runoff that will be filtered and used for irrigation and a water feature. The crux of the project is that a future owner can revert to commercial property.

Andrew Mankin we don't have any issues. Agent Sewell said it's been reviewed and is out of our jurisdiction.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to give a positive recommendation to Select Board that Wetland Protections Act does not apply to Special Permit #804-12

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 4-0, in favor

2. Certificate of Compliance Eagleton School 446 Monterey Rd SMA file #10

Agent Sewell said a site visit was done. It's built to spec. No further plan needed.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to issue Certificate of Compliance for SMA file #10

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 4-0, in favor

3. Approve November Minutes

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve November 28, 2012 minutes

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 4-0, in favor

4. Other Business

- a. Joe Sokal wants emergency permit to fix Grove Street before winter. This is a temporary fix. Original culvert is collapsing in the middle.

Andrew Mankin asked how this would be done. Andrew Mankin said okay if no machines were used. Andrew Mankin noted that because this requires an engineer it is out of our expertise. We need more information.

- b. 237 Long Pond Road, Emergency Permit. They sent a letter to Ed May wanting to appeal. Not mowing in the 400 feet anymore and will take boats out. Naturally let it revegetate. Remove canoe, remove hand-rail, remove stone structure. We need to do Enforcement Order if we want to say how and to monitor. We will ask them to come to next meeting with restoration plan and to discuss plan to remove stone structure.
- c. Cumberland Farms. Andrew Mankin asked to review the drainage plans and catch basins. A site visit was suggested.
- d. Budget remains the same as last year. Laptop should be included and ARC software. Trail budget discussed with regard to Wetlands. Want to always have \$2500 to manage town properties. Andrew Mankin mentioned that a good time to talk to Chris Remold regarding open space management. Jessica Dezieck asked about funding for an intern. Agent Sewell asked for a description. Andrew Mankin commented that we need better understanding first.
- e. Andrew Mankin mentioned that a site visit at the fairgrounds would be a good idea.
- f. 100 Bridge Street they may need 3 to 4 acres for flood compensatory storage if they cap. They are looking at bio remediation. Usually done in warmer climates. They have to till 2 feet down to reach contamination. Will have to take trees down and spray on bacteria then fertilizer. Done April through September. If successful then only need one acre for recapture for compensatory storage. They would need to come to us and DEP will have to think this is a viable option as well as Natural Heritage. Jennifer Connell asked for more information about the process. Would be a better option if it works.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to close the public hearing at 8:01pm

SECOND: Jennifer Connell

VOTE: 4-0, in favor