

Agenda Notes
9-28-2017

GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 6:30 PM

Great Barrington Town Hall

334 Main Street

Selectmen's Meeting Room

Agenda

Shep Evans
Conservation Agent

Call to Order: at 6:35 PM

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. The former NHESP reviewer has moved on. A new reviewer will be assigned if/when the ENF from Mr. Inglis is received at NHESP. **Continued from August 28, 2013.** *Continued to 10-25-17*

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. The proposed work at Eisner Pond includes repair to a retaining wall, the dam outlet, the low level outlet structure and the inlet valve and removal of accumulated sediment. **At the request of the Engineer, Continued from May 31, 2017 until October 25, 2017.**

WPA RDA from Carmelo R. Guarda, Jr. The applicant is seeking to demolish and remove a one-bay garage and a shed- roofed storage structure within the Riverfront area at 371 Park Street, Housatonic, Map 4 Lot 4. *Voted to issue a Negative Determination #2.*

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, Map 36 Lot 21. Ben Naylor of Berkshire Engineering will present and discuss the extent of alteration and proposed restoration. **Continued from July 26, 2017.** *Reviewed proposed restoration plan. The Commission will draft and issue an enforcement order.*

Discussion of an Enforcement Order issued on March 4, 2016 pertaining to alterations to resource areas at the confluence of the Green and Housatonic Rivers (Map 38 Lot 44). Marc Volk of Foresight Land Services will discuss the status of proposed ideas to achieve a final resolution of this matter.

Continued from July 26, 2017 to October 25, 2017. *Discussed with Mr Larkin and Continued to 10-25-17.*

WPA RDA from The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) The applicant is seeking to construct a foot-bridge crossing an intermittent stream as part of a new trail connecting the Monument Mountain trail system with a second new trail being developed leading from Housatonic to the area around Flag Rock. Map 35 Lots 18 & 19A. Brian Westrick of TTOR will discuss the project following a recent site visit on Monday 9-25-2017. *Voted to issue a Negative Determination #2.*

Discussion among the Commission and with Jess Toro of Native Habitat Restorations and others concerning habitat management, grant applications and other issues re: McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

The Commission will be seeking grant funding from DCR for Forest Stewardship Plan Implementation; From CPA for Habitat Improvement and from DCR for Forest Habitat Management.

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Issuance of Certificates of Compliance to the Town of Great Barrington for the Front Street Drainage Improvements Project DEP#167-0396 and to Guido's Realty, Inc. for the Solar Project at 770 South Main Street DEP#167-0403.

Citizen speak time:

Voted to issue Certificates of Compliance to both applicants.

Approval of Minutes of the August 23, 2017 Conservation Commission Meeting.

Adjournment.

*Approved the minutes as corrected.
at 8:45 PM.*