

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013
7:00 P.M. – GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ANDREW MANKIN – Chairman
 LISA BOZZUTO
 JESSICA DEZIECK
 DAVID SHANAHAN

AMANDA SEWALL – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mankin called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

7:00pm – WPA NOI 167-0374 from 53 Brookside Rd., Great Barrington; URJ Camp Eisner to install a new water line from Grove St. through a portion of land owned by John Dewey Academy and directed southerly onto and through the land of Camp Eisner.

Nick Anderson from Berkshire Engineering reported that the Endangered Species Survey has been completed. The plan has been changed based on the results. The plantings will be determined by the next meeting. Nick said that the area will be mulched and a tarp placed if there is bad weather during the project. David Shanahan asked if the 'right-of-way' will be used. Nick Anderson responded that it will not be used; only for foot traffic.

Andrew Mankin asked what the erosion control plan will be for the bank.

Nick responded that there will be topsoil added, seed, mulch and some fabric.

Andrew Mankin said that the top is heavily forested and some trees will need to be cut on the riverfront. He asked that trees be planted to make up for what is taken out.

Nick said that they will continue the forest edge or plant in other specified areas.

Nick Anderson will write a memo regarding the changes and how to incorporate any further requirements.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 9/25/13 meeting at 7:00 PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:15pm – WPA Notice of Intent 167-0377 for 659 Main St. for the construction of a gazebo and removal of earthen mounds in a riverfront area

Bart Elsbach said that National Heritage has come and said that they would like a MESA review done.

Shep Evans explained what a MESA review is.

Andrew Mankin said that the Commission is 'ok' with the project but there is no reason to close the public hearing until the review is complete. He reminded Mr. Elsbach that he needs to file for the review.

Mr. Elsbach expressed his frustration. He said that the site needs to be viable and needs to move forward in all steps, which are time sensitive.

There was discussion regarding compensatory storage.

Andrew Manikin said that he will have an answer about this by the next meeting.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 9/25/13 meeting at 7:15 PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:30pm – WPA Notice of Intent 167-0376 for 518 Egremont Rd. for house addition, slope stabilization, retaining wall and new septic system

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 9/25/13 meeting at 7:30 PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:35pm – WPA RDA – Pfeiffer Arboretum 249 Long Pond Road for replacement and repairs to bog bridge and nature trails using existing footprint

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 9/25/13 meeting at 7:35 PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

7:40pm – 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 Natural Heritage Endangered Species Habitat and a 100 year flood plain

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to continue the public hearing until the 9/25/13 meeting at 7:40 PM

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

Miscellaneous:

- Approval of minutes from the July 24, 2013 meeting

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to approve the minutes from July 24, 2013

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- Enforcement Order 518 Egremont Road

No discussion

- Enforcement Order 263 Long Pond Road

Representatives for this case said that a plan and timeframe will be created and presented at the September meeting for approval. A conversation will be had with the Arboretum and wetland delineation will be completed.

Jim Mercer asked to be part of any plans as he is a direct abutter.

Andrew Mankin said that he would like the restoration completed by mid/late October for the end of planting season.

Christine Ward expressed her concern about the bigger trees that were removed and asked if some bigger trees could be planted to create the canopy that was lost.

Amanda Sewall said that she will obtain pictures of the property before the cutting.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck to have the restoration plan by 9/25 or another set upon date that includes all outlined requirements.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- Certificate of Compliance 30 Lake Mansfield Road

Health Agent, Mark Pruhenski stated that there are no issues.

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck approves the certificate of compliance

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- Special Permit #818-13 70 Castle Hill Road

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck that the WPA/SMA does not apply.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

ZBA Recommendation:

MOTION: Jessica Dezieck that the WPA/SMA does not apply

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

- West Sheffield Road/SMA discussion with David Richardson
Shep Evans suggested sending a letter to the realtor and the owner stating that this has been ongoing and progress needs to occur or an enforcement order will be issued.

- 288 State Road Beaver issue with Greg Fitch
David Shanahan said that he has seen beaver activity and it has been going on for a while.
Andrew Mankin said that it is not the Commissions authority to tell the owners to do something; only the Department of Health can.
This is now a civil matter.

- 46 Seekonk Road discussion and review
It was reported that some minor clearing has been done. A small path has been cut down to the river.
The violation is that the restoration from the past NOI has not been done.
Andrew Mankin said that he will send a letter listing the violation that needs to be taken care of or an Enforcement Order will be sent.
The OOC also needs to be registered.

- CPA Conservation Commission Member discussion
Chris Rembold explained that the meetings will begin in early October and will be held monthly. The committee will write the CPA plan and an RFP for the use of funds.

MOTION: David Shanahan to appoint Jessica Dezieck to CPA

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 4-0

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jessica Dezieck, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Secretary

