

# GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2020

6:30PM

## **Remote Meeting via ZOOM Video / Telephone Conference**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Great Barrington Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on town's website, at [www.townofgb.org](http://www.townofgb.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: See instructions at the top of the agenda. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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**Meeting ID:** 872 1769 0030

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## **AGENDA**

**Call to Order:** The Chair will conduct a roll call to identify attendees. All votes taken during the meeting will be roll call votes. All participants please identify themselves before speaking.

- 1. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Brad Roblins, property at 45 Christian Hill Road, Map 10 Lot 2. The proposed work consists of removing several problem trees, one big very dangerous Maple, and a patch of Knott Weed. The town Tree Warden has reviewed and approved the proposed tree removals along the common (northern) boundary line with the Mansfield Forest. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.
- 2. Notice of Intent** from White Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Steven Miller, property at 326 Long Pond Road, Map 34 lot 12A. The proposed work consists of construction of a house, associated amenities, well and septic system. This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Great Barrington Regulations under the Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act (MGL c.131 s.39a)
- 3. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Michael Carroll, property at 115 Front Street, Housatonic, Map 3 Lot 23. The proposed work consists of constructing a small two story cottage with a gravel driveway within the Riverfront Area approximately 150 feet from the Housatonic River across the street. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.
- 4. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Hill Engineers, Architects, Planners, Inc. on behalf of Theory Wellness, Inc. The property is at 349 Stockbridge Road, Map 9 Lot 3F. The proposed work consists of constructing a 516 sq. ft. addition to the rear of the existing Theory Wellness building. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.
- 5. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Kelly Granger Parsons & Associates on behalf of Jennie Reins, property on the west side of Alford Road, Map 31 Lot 13. The proposed work consists of constructing a 14 ft. wide gravel driveway through approximately 5,800 sq. ft. of Buffer Zone adjacent to a vegetated wetland. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

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**6. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Okerstrom Lang Landscape Architects on behalf of Betsy Palmer. The property is at 20 Berkshire Heights Road, Map 18 Lot 104. The proposed work consists of building a new 18ft. X 50ft. swimming pool, part of which will be in the outer 50 ft. of a Buffer Zone adjacent to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

**7. Jess Toro of Native Habitat Restoration, LLC** will discuss with the Commission its FY 2022 application to the Community Preservation Committee for funding to continue its habitat improvement work at McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

**8. Notice of Intent** from Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates on behalf of Frederick D. McCandless, Jr. property on Alford Road, Map 32 Lot 86D. The proposed work consists of constructing a gravel driveway crossing a Bordering Vegetated Wetland to gain access to the upland area beyond. To address both temporary and permanent Impacts, this project also includes both an in-situ BVW restoration and a BVW replication. This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

**9. A Restoration Plan** from Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates on behalf of Moses Clark, LLC, Andrew McMaster, Trustee, to be implemented, monitored, managed and reported upon semi-annually to the Commission and the Mass Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program for five consecutive years, as mandated under the Amended Enforcement Order of 5/11/2020.

**10. Miscellaneous items to be discussed and commented upon as requested:**

- a. First refusal on MGL Ch. 61A land of Abigail Haupt, Hurlburt and Alford Roads;
- b. Special Permit application to locate a retail marijuana establishment at 454 Main Street;
- c. Consideration of locating a dog park at McAllister Wildlife Refuge;

**11. Establish meeting date(s)** in November and/or December 2020.

**12. Citizen Speak Time / Commission Speak Time**

**13. Approval of the minutes of the Wednesday, October 7, 2020 meeting.**

**14. ADJOURN**

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