**GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, December 9, 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. 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.

Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070722311?pwd=N2xFQ2FyUXRXd3pxODNXMER1RjczZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 850 7072 2311 **Meeting Access Password**: 113355 **Dial in to listen**: **+1** (929) 205 6099

**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 Janice Kabel of the Great Barrington Land Conservancy, property from Bridge Street to Brookside Road, Maps 19, 22 and 38 aka the Riverfront Trail Easement Area. The proposed work consists of hand pulling and /or cutting numerous and varied invasive plant species along the Riverfront Trail including Winged Euonymus, Multiflora Rose, Oriental Bittersweet, Privet, Garlic Mustard, Barberry and Goutweed. NHESP field naturalist has reviewed the areas to be covered and has flagged populations of protected species which will be carefully avoided. No herbicides will be employed. GBLC Board members and volunteers will do the work. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Mass Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

**2. Request for Determination of Applicability** from S-K Design Group on behalf of Peter Drucker, property on

Blue Hill Road, Map 37 Lots 9J, 9D and 9K. The proposed work consists of removing deteriorated erosion controls along a constructed shared driveway accessing the three parcels, completing the water course and stream bank restoration under an open-bottom arched culvert stream-crossing, and invasive species removal along the driveway and in a previously constructed wetland replication area. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

**3. Notice of Intent DEP File # 167-0436)** from Foresight Land Services on behalf of Leonard Felson & Julia Rosenblum. The property is at 56 River Street, Map 14 Lot 258. The proposed work consists of stabilizing a section of Housatonic Riverbank and related site work. The restoration will include removal of debris /refuse from the river embankment, disposing of the debris properly off site, and construction of a planted structural bank stabilization system to mitigate against future erosion during storm events. This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

**4. Request for Certificate of Compliance (Mass DEP File # 167-0404)** fromBerkshire Engineering on behalf ofHapman Holdings, LLC, property at 0 Stockbridge Road, Map 36 Lot 30C. The project consisted of construction of a photovoltaic power generation array to support the Barrington Brewery and restaurants on adjacent property of the same owners. The owners are requesting a site visit so the Commission may be able to see the somewhat expanded wetlands nearby as a result of increased beaver activity. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Mass. Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

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**5. Requested Discussion:** Hanna White, Landscape Manager, on behalf of Len Sitomer and Nancy Yahanda, property at Knob Lane Extension, (SMA OOC File 4-05-19). Property owners wish to discuss the possibility of swapping three Maple trees for three White Fir trees in the planting plan for this new residence. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Great Barrington Regulations under the Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act.

**6. Requested Discussion:** The Community Development Corporation of the Southern Berkshires (CDCSB) wishes to discuss the idea of establishing a conservation restriction covering part or all of the 100 Bridge Street / Bentley Street affordable housing and riverside greenspace development including questions as to who the holder(s) of such a restriction might be.

**11. Next meeting date and suggested deadline for new submissions.**

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

**13. Election of Officers**

**14. Approval of the minutes of the Wednesday, October 28 , 2020 meeting.**

**14. ADJOURN**

*Pursuant to MGL. 7c. 30A sec. 20 (f), after notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body, or may transmit the meeting through any medium. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall inform other attendees of any such recordings. Any member of the public wishing to speak at the meeting must receive permission of the chair. The listings of agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*