

**GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2022

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 June 16, 2021 and February 12, 2022 Revised Orders extending remote participation by all members of any meeting of a public body, 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 the 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.

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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.

**Public Meeting:** The Commission is holding this public meeting to consider Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDAs) under the Mass Wetlands Protection Act, the Great Barrington Wetland Bylaw or the Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act as follows:

- 1. An RDA from Bob & Barbara Watkins**, property at 7 Butternut Lane, Map 42 Lot 38.8, for the installation of a new subsurface disposal system within the Buffer Zone of a Wetland. **Continued from January 26, 2022.**
- 2. An RDA from Native Habitat Restoration on behalf of Berkshire Natural Resources Council**, property at 267 North Park Street, Map 7 Lot 30. The project consists of forestry mowing invasive plant species in two sections of the Rising Pond Conservation Area.

**Public Hearings:** The Great Barrington Conservation Commission is holding these public hearings to consider Notices of Intent (NOIs) under the Mass Wetlands Protection Act, the Great Barrington Wetland Bylaw or the Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act as follows:

- 1. An NOI from BERKHILL72GB, LLC**, property at 72 Stockbridge Road, Map 12 Lot 49, for proposed repaving, a new handicap ramp and related site work. **Continued from January 26, 2020.**
- 2. An NOI # 167-0436 from Foresight Land Services** on behalf of L. Felson and J. Rosenblum for Bank stabilization at 56 River Street. Natural Heritage has approved with special conditions. **Continued from October 2020.**

**3. An NOI from Greylock Design Associates** for Eric & Jennifer Aronson, property at 9 Buttowdown Lane, Map 34 Lot 9. The proposed project is for installation of native understory plantings as a restoration effort to replace trees and shrubs that were erroneously removed from the Riverfront Area.

**Discussion:** The Commission will discuss various items of interest or concern:

**1. Donation of Land to the Town / Use of Conservation Funds:** Seeking the Commission to Authorize up to \$7,500 from the Commission's Land Conservation fund be used to conduct Phase 1 environmental assessment and other due diligence and legal costs prior to accepting a donation of 24.787 acres of land adjacent to the Housatonic River, identified as Lot 20 on Assessor's Map 8, which is offered to the Town for conservation/recreation purposes.

**2. A draft letter summarizing the Commission's November 29, 2021 site visit to several properties within the mapped Scenic Mountain Area along Castle Hill Ave. Continued from January 26, 2022.**

**3. Request from S-K Design Group on behalf of 79 Bridge Street Realty,** property at 79 Bridge Street, Map 19 Lot 139, seeking an extension of the Order of Conditions (DEP File # 167-0399) for three years to May 10, 2025 in order to complete the required monitoring of the Riverfront Improvement Area along the Housatonic Riverwalk as outlined in the Order, and to develop the site into The Berkshire Hotel as previously permitted.

**4. Request from White Engineering to Amend the Order of Conditions (DEP File # 167-0439) adding a storm water system to manage groundwater encountered while excavating for a new foundation under the barn at 28 Kirk Street. Continued from January 26, 2022.**

**Approval of minutes:** New recording secretary, Stacy Ostrow, is at work producing past and present minutes.

**Citizen Speak Time / Commission Speak Time**

**Next meeting date 3/23/ 2022; site visits 3/15 or 3/16/2022; new submissions requested by 3/04/2022**

**ADJOURN**

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