

GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2022

6:30PM

Remote Meeting via ZOOM Webinar / 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 February 12, 2022 Revised Order 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. 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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**ALL VOTES ARE ROLL CALL
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 Molly Comstock**, property at 3 Seekonk Road, Map 33 Lot 71. The project consists of establishing a new minimum tillage organic vegetable farm outside of the inner 100 foot riverfront area along Seekonk Brook.
- 2. An RDA from Kimberly Wetherell** on behalf of David Katzoffv, property at 97 Brush Hill Road., Map 38 Lot 63.1. The project consists of replacing a failed 3 bedroom septic system with a new 5 bedroom septic system.
- 3. An RDA from Foresight Land Services** on behalf of Berkshire Natural Resources Council (BNRC), property on State Rd., Map 16 Lot 2E. The project consists of installing a wooden foot bridge over an intermittent stream replacing a hiking trail ford through the stream.
- 4. An RDA from Benjamin Barrett**, property at 35 Locust Hill Road, Map 31 Lot 22B. The project consists of constructing a 24'x48' garage and a 24' x 36' pole barn outside the Buffer Zones of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

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 February 23, 2022.**

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3. An NOI from Greylock Design Associates for Eric & Jennifer Aronson, property at 9 Buttowndown 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. **Continued from February 23, 2022.**

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

1. 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 February 23, 2022.**

2. 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 February 23, 2022.**

Approval of minutes: New recording secretary, Stacy Ostrow, has been working on past and present minutes.

Citizen Speak Time / Commission Speak Time

Next meeting date 4/27/ 2022; proposed site visits 3/21/2022; new submissions requested by 4/06/2022

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.