

**GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, May 25, 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](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 Mass DOT Highway Division; the property is State Highway ROW on Route 23/183 from mile marker 9.8 to 11.6; the proposed work is resurfacing and related work.
- 2) An RDA from Berkshire Engineering on behalf of Butternut Basin Ski Area; the property is at 380 State Road; the proposed work is replacing two 12 inch water pipes within the 100 ft. buffer zone of the snow-making water pond that are leaking.
- 3) An RDA from Colin Kemble; property at 275 Division Street, Map 33 Lot 40U; the work proposed is constructing a single family house and related site work.

**Public Hearings:** The Great Barrington Conservation Commission is holding these two 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 SK Design Group on behalf of Joseph Aberdale; property at 405 North Plain Rd., Map26 Lot 42.2; construction of a single family house partly within the Buffer Zone of a Wetland.
- 2) An NOI from DPC Engineering , LLC on behalf of the Town of Great Barrington; property off Main Street, Maps 25 & 22 Lots 5 & 64; Conversion of one wet-pit / dry-pit pump station into a submersible pump station and establishment of compensatory flood storage.

**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. Recommended Revisions, from the Town Planning Department, to Chapter 217-14.1 ; 217-14.5 and 217.15 of the Great Barrington Wetland Regulations as circulated to the Commission.
3. A request from Ben Nickley of Green Berkshires LLC to install and maintain a Kestrel nesting box in the open meadow at McAllister Wild Life Refuge.
4. Should the Town opt out of the State Mosquito Control spraying program?

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes of June 23, 2021; Sept 22, 2021; Oct 27, 2021; Nov 17, 2021; Jan 26, 2022; Feb 23 2022, and March 23, 2022 have all been distributed to the Commission and are awaiting approval. Minutes of the recent April 27, 2022 meeting are in process and will be circulated shortly.

**Citizen Speak Time / Commission Speak Time**

**Next meeting date 6/22/2022; proposed site visits 6/16/2022; new submissions requested by 6/03/2022**

**ADJOURN**

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