

GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, June 28, 2023

6:30PM

Meeting via ZOOM and in person at 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, Para 18, and Governor Healey's March 29, 2023 Revised Order extending remote participation by all members in any meeting of a public body, this meeting of the Conservation Commission will be conducted both in-person and 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 and committee members may attend the meeting in person, or, for those who wish to do so, remotely by following the instructions at the top of this agenda. For those who are not in-person every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means.

AGENDA (AMENDED)

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

Approval of Minutes of the meetings of February 22, 2023; March 22, 2023 and May 24, 2023.

Notice of Intent (DEP # 167-0455) from SOLitude Lake Management on behalf of URJ Eisner Camp, property is at 53 Brookside Road, Map 38 Lot 15-0. The proposed work consists of mechanical hydro-raking to manage nuisance aquatic vegetation in the Eisner Camp pond. **Continued from May 24, 2023.**

Request for Determination of Applicability from BSC Group on behalf of Massachusetts Electric Company. The property is the ROW for Seekonk Road and Alford Road and the proposed work consists of installing eight (8) new or replacement power poles and associated tree removals required to reconfigure an existing overhead electrical distribution line. Project activities are proposed within the 200-foot Riverfront Area associated with Seekonk Brook and 100-foot Buffer Zone of BVW and/or Bank, however all work will be done by mobile equipment operating from the roadway and within the ROW.

Enforcement Order issued 4-11-2022, property at 24 Cottage Street, property owner is 24 Cottage, LLC. Violation is substantial alteration including excavation, filling and/or clearing Riverfront; Estimated and Priority Habitat; Flood Plane; Bank and Land under Waterway. Concept Restoration Plan dated 4-24-2023, revised planting schedule 5-17-2023, from Foresight Land Services on behalf of 24 Cottage, LLC. Awaiting review and comment(s) from Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

Enforcement Letter issued November 17, 2021 to Mary P Akers, Riverfront property at #4 Cottage Court (Map 14 Lot 274) Clear-cut Riverfront, Flood Plain and State Listed Species Habitat.

Discussion of DFW proposal to remove the remains of an old dam at Old Maid's recreation area.

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Open Meeting Law Complaint

- A)** Review the Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Jonathan Hankin on May 24, 2023 regarding the Conservation Commission's lack of approved minutes for certain meetings in 2022 and 2023
- B)** Review/discuss draft letter for the Commission to send in response to the complaint.
- C)** Vote to authorize the Conservation Agent to finalize the letter based on the discussion and send the letter on behalf of the Commission.

CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

This time is reserved for town residents only unless otherwise permitted by the chair, and speakers are limited to 3 minutes each.

MEDIA TIME & /COMMISSION TIME

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date 7/26/ 2023; proposed site visits 7/20; new submissions by 7/07/2023.

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.