

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019
6:30 PM - GB FIRE STATION
37 STATE ROAD**

Members Present: CHAIR, JEFF COHEN; ANDREW MANKIN; LISA BOZZUTO; BILL BOYER; KATE VAN OLST; DAVID SHANAHAN; ANDREW DIDIO; AGENT, SHEP EVANS.

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) (DEP File # 167-0424) from GEI Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Horizon Solar, LLC, property located at 685 South Egremont Road, Map 30 Lot 102. The Commission has selected and retained Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates as peer reviewer, and field review of the ANRAD by Stockman Associates and the applicant's representative is proceeding. No other updates at this time, a presentation of review results is expected for the April 2019 Commission meeting. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to continue the public hearing until April 24, 2019. Unanimous approval.**

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 167-0427) from the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire, property located at 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington. The proposed project includes the redevelopment of the 8 acre former New England Log Homes production facility including complete soil remediation of the former industrial site and the construction of two new residential complexes. Tim Geller, Executive Director of the CDCSB, Bryan Balicki of Furrow Engineering, and Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates presented. They received feedback from Natural Heritage and DEP yesterday, and will have responses by the next Commission meeting in April 2019. Jeff Cohen noted that we need a clear delineation of which portions of the project are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. DEP is considering the matters of hazardous waste remediation separately from the wetlands and bordering lands subject to flooding (BLSF) matters. In the plan presented, the area within 100 feet of the river will be restored to green space. Building development will be within the floodplain, but the plan presented provides an overall increase in compensatory storage, and a stormwater management plan. Citizen questions were heard from Elizabeth Orenstein and Nan Wile, regarding the monitoring and remediation methods for contaminants on the site. As hazardous materials are the jurisdiction of DEP and not the Conservation Commission, the citizens were referred to DEP or CDCSB. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to continue the public hearing until April 24, 2019. Unanimous approval.**

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 167-0428) submitted by Berkshire Engineering on behalf of Camp Institute of Living Judaism, property at 52 Brookside Road, Map 38 Lot 15. The proposed work will include: renovation, restoration and improvement of existing outdoor seating in the camp amphitheater and improvements to the amphitheater drainage system. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to close the public hearing, unanimous approval. Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to approve the NOI with the following conditions: installation of silt fence at the southeastern corner of the amphitheater, installation of snow fence to delimitate the limit of work; and that the plantings must be of native species and guarantee 75% survival rate for 5 years.**

Request for Determination of Applicability from Jenise & Mark Lucey, property at 415 Monterey Road, Map H-135 Parcel #2. The proposed work includes renovation of a single family home and construction of two additions. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to close the public hearing, unanimous approval. Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to issue a negative #3 determination. The**

Commission noted a spruce tree in poor condition on the property, and granted permission to remove it. Unanimous approval.

Request for Determination of Applicability from Great Barrington Land Conservancy (Riverwalk) property at 195 Main Street (Main Entrance), Map 14 lot 225. (Note: Properties run along the west bank of the Housatonic River from Cottage Street to Bridge Street.) Proposed work includes ongoing maintenance / revegetation / cleanup of Riverwalk trail sections. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to extend the maintenance plan, unanimous approval.**

Review of the Restoration Plan concept agreed in principal per the Enforcement Order of March 4, 2016, following a site visit with a representative of Kelly, Granger, Parsons, and Associates, to the land of James Larkin adjacent to the Green and Housatonic Rivers, Map 38 Lot 44. The site visit was positive and the Commission and Mr. Larkin have reached an agreement to a delineation of areas that will be restored and protected, and areas that will be put into agricultural production. Mike Parsons will submit a final set of plans which are to include: the exact limit of work and a restoration plan for tree planting. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Liza Bozzuto seconded to continue the public hearing until April 24, 2019. Unanimous approval.**

Jurisdictional Review of property at 671 Stockbridge Road. In light of Special Permit application #889-19 for a commercial scale solar energy installation. Kurt Mayland gave a brief description of the project. **The Commission instructed the Agent to issue a memo to the Selectboard that there are no wetlands under jurisdiction on the property. Scenic Mountain Act jurisdiction will be determined at the April 2019 meeting when a RDA will be presented.**

Status report on work at McAllister Wildlife Refuge for continuing habitat improvement and other projects. The Friends of McAllister has received a donation of \$1,500 from Lee Bank. Awarded a grant from DCR for \$9,787, which requires a local match of \$3,263 to be paid from Commission funds. **David Shanahan motioned, Bill Boyer seconded to approve the funds. Unanimous approval.** Sean Stanton will be haying the fields, and proposed to improve the soil in exchange for access to hay for 5 years. **Permission granted, with the condition that work be scheduled to avoid disturbing bird nesting activity and that soil improvement methods be approved by Jess Toro.**

Citizen Speak: None, other than as noted above.

Discussion: Plan to reduce the amount of paper generated in application process. Commission directed Agent to advise applicants to submit only 2 full size sets of plans, and 2 printed copies of NOI, plus a PDF version. Noted that Jeff and Lisa will look into changing the language in the bylaw.

Approval of the Minutes of February 27, 2019 meeting continued to April 24, 2019.

Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:30 PM. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Van Olst



Commissioner