

# GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2020

Remote Meeting via ZOOM Video / Telephone Conference

1. Request for Determination of Applicability from Janice Kabel of the Great Barrington Land Conservancy, property from Bridge Street to Brookside Road, Maps 19, 22 and 38 aka the Riverfront Trail Easement Area. The proposed work consists of hand pulling and /or cutting numerous and varied invasive plant species along the Riverfront Trail including Winged Euonymus, Multiflora Rose, Oriental Bittersweet, Privet, Garlic Mustard, Barberry and Goutweed. NHESP field naturalist has reviewed the areas to be covered and has flagged populations of protected species which will be carefully avoided. No herbicides will be employed. GBLC Board members and volunteers will do the work. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Mass Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw. **Approved for a 5-year term.**
  2. Request for Determination of Applicability from S-K Design Group on behalf of Peter Drucker, property on Blue Hill Road, Map 37 Lots 9J, 9D and 9K. The proposed work consists of removing deteriorated erosion controls along a constructed shared driveway accessing the three parcels, completing the water course and stream bank restoration under an open-bottom arched culvert stream-crossing, and invasive species removal along the driveway and in a previously constructed wetland replication area. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw. **With conditions.**
  3. Notice of Intent DEP File # 167-0436) from Foresight Land Services on behalf of Leonard Felson & Julia Rosenblum. The property is at 56 River Street, Map 14 Lot 258. The proposed work consists of stabilizing a section of Housatonic Riverbank and related site work. The restoration will include removal of debris /refuse from the river embankment, disposing of the debris properly offsite, and construction of a planted structural bank stabilization system to mitigate against future erosion during storm events. This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw. **Continued to 1/27/21**
  4. Request for Certificate of Compliance (Mass DEP File # 167-0404) from Berkshire Engineering on behalf of Hapman Holdings, LLC, property at 0 Stockbridge Road, Map 36 Lot 30C. The project consisted of construction of a photovoltaic power generation array to support the Barrington Brewery and restaurants on adjacent property of the same owners. The owners are requesting a site visit so the Commission may be able to see the somewhat expanded wetlands nearby as a result of increased beaver activity. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Mass. Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw. **Approved unanimously.**
  5. Requested Discussion: Hanna White, Landscape Manager, on behalf of Len Sitomer and Nancy Yahanda, property at Knob Lane Extension, (SMA OOC File 4-05-19). Property owners wish to discuss the possibility of swapping three Maple trees for three White Fir trees in the planting plan for this new residence. This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Great Barrington Regulations under the Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act. **Approved**
  6. Requested Discussion: The Community Development Corporation of the Southern Berkshires (CDCSB) wishes to discuss the idea of establishing a conservation restriction covering part or all of the 100 Bridge Street / Bentley Street affordable housing and riverside greenspace development including questions as to who the holder(s) of such a restriction might be. **Continued.**
  7. Next meeting date and suggested deadline for new submissions. **Next meeting 1/27/21 at 6:30pm.**
  8. Citizen Speak Time
  9. Election of Officers: **Chair: Kate Van Olst Vice Char: Andy Didio**
  10. Approval of the minutes of the Wednesday, October 28 , 2020 meeting. **Approved.**
  11. ADJOURN
- Respectfully submitted,  
SW Evans, Conservation Agent