

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2021  
6:30PM

**Call to Order** Chairwoman Van Olst opened the meeting at 6:34 pm, those “present” remote meeting via ZOOM conference call: Lisa Bozutto, Andrew Didio, Michael Lanoue, Andrew Mankin, Kate Van Olst, and David Shanahan.

**1. 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 including construction of a planted structural bank stabilization system to mitigate against future erosion during storm events. **continued from December 9, 2020.**

- Jackson Alberti represented Felson/Rosenblum. Still waiting on National Heritage’s determination. Coir lifespan 6-9 years.
- AM, LB continue to 5/26 (no DS)

**2. Notice of Intent (DEP File # 167-0437)** from Berkshire Engineering on behalf of Steven Bankert, property is at 49 Pearl Street, Map 11 Lot 47. The proposed work consists of constructing a 10 foot by 15 foot addition along the western face of the existing house and converting an existing patio into a 10 foot by 20 foot sunroom along the southern face of the same house.

- Site Visit done week of 4/26
- Michael Kulig presented for Bankert.
- S. Bankert leaves 6-10 foot buffer between mowing and river bank. Committee suggested that S. Bankert plant some new plant to keep the river bend from eroding.
- Landscaper has not been selected yet. Looking to complete in later summer/fall.
- AM, LB continue to 5/26 (no DS)

**3. Request for Determination of Applicability** from TEC Associates on behalf of The Housatonic Railroad Company. The property consists of the railroad Right of Way through Great Barrington. The anticipated work consists annual vegetation management in accordance with Massachusetts Rights-of-Way Management Regulations and the railroad’s Vegetation Management Plan. The applicant is seeking recertification of wetland resource area delineations.

- Tom Lewis presented this RDA.
- AM, LB continue to 5/26, schedule a site visit (no DS)

**4. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Reed Anderson, property at 22 River Street, Map 14 Lot 250. The proposed work consists of installing a prefabricated steel spiral staircase adjacent and connected to the existing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor deck leading down to the first-floor deck for egress. The staircase will be supported on a single steel helical screw pier.

- Negative number 2
- AM, LB approve as presented

**5. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Brad Roblin, property at 45 Christian Hill Road, Map 10 Lot 2. The proposed work consists of restoration and improvement of the existing 3 historic structures and the physical property north of a perennial stream and abutting Lake Mansfield Forest.

- Keira Ritter presented on behalf of the applicant
- AM, LB negative number 2 with the condition that the sizing, capacity, and overflow of the rain guards are reviewed by the commission, herbicide is not used on invasive species removal, and an agent visits to review erosion control

**6. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, Inc., property at 270 State Road, Map 15 Lot 49. The proposed work consists of regrading and leveling the existing gravel parking

lot including adding one or two truckloads of 1 ¼" processed gravel and crushed stone and redirecting a roof gutter drain into an existing retention basin.

- Kate Van Olst recused herself from this determination
- AD, AM motion to approve negative 3 (no DS or KVO)

**7. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Ellen & David Shanahan, property at 637 South Egremont Road, Map 30 Lot 73. The proposed work consists of constructing a 30' x 50' storage/shop building.

- AM, LB negative number 3

**8. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Okerstrom Lang Ltd. on behalf of the Community Development Corporation (CDC), property at Bentley Apartments, 100 Bridge Street, Map 20 Lot 61D. The proposed work consists of planting a park and constructing a walking path along the Housatonic River from Bridge Street to the Bentley Apartments sidewalk.

- Craig Okerstrom Lang presented this RDA.
- AM, LB approve changes to already approved plan

**9. Request for Certificate of Compliance:** From Berkshire Engineering for the new house on Knob Lane Extension, Map 10 Lot 25, Scenic Mountain Act File 4-05-19.

- Michael Kulig presented this RCC. Shep has done a site visit.
- AM, LB issue certificate of compliance and that the reporting of the survivability of the trees will continue per the application.

**10. Miscellaneous Items for Discussion:** A) Site visit at 164 Castle Hill Avenue B) Reported tree cutting up on and around East Rock, a possible Scenic Mountain Act violation, C) Brent White.

- A – 164 Castle Hill Road – trees were cut down (not on person's property). They plan to be replanted, but this has not been reviewed by the board yet. L. Bozutto shared that there were many paths constructed that weren't there originally. No tree removal that had not been approved.
- B – Gary Happ shared a timeline of the CC meetings. N. Elms assured that cutting would only take place at 164 Castle Hill Road, not 160 Castle Hill Road. Respectfully request another site visit be done at 160 Castle Hill Road.
- Another site visit will be scheduled.
- B – It is believed that these trees are on land owned by Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- C – Brent White presented information on proposed home on 36 High Street that will be on May's agenda.

#### **Citizen Speak Time / Commission Speak Time**

**4. Approval of minutes** of the March 2021 meeting.

**5. ADJOURN** AM, AD 9:17 pm.