GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Call to Order: Chairwoman Van Olst opened the meeting at 6:30pm. Those present: Andy Didio, Tom Ferris, Michael Lanoue, Andrew Mankin, David Shanahan, Kate Van Olst.

Also present: Conservation Agent, Shep Evans

Request for Certificate of Compliance from ESS Group on behalf of Chris Buelow of the Mass Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. Phragmites Control Plan at Agawam Lake Wildlife Management Area (DEP File 167-0371). The vegetation management work has been completed. The NHESP prepared an updated vegetation management plan which was approved by the Conservation Commission in 2020 but only recently issued as it was necessary to wait for Superseding approval the NOI filed but never acted upon in Stockbridge. The requested Certificate needs to be recorded before the current Order of Conditions can be recorded.

Mankin make a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Agawam Lake Wildlife Management Area; **Lanoue seconded**. By roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) from Peter Schulte, property at 12 Cottage Street. Proposed work includes removal of 3 small Norway Maples, 3small Butternuts and invasive vines at the top of bank of the Housatonic River.

A site visit was scheduled and the Commissioners agreed the matter would be discussed at the meeting on March 22 at 6:30pm.

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) from Ed Rogers, property at 15 Cottage Street. The proposed work consists of removing a double trunked Cedar tree growing in the side yard very close to the house across Everett Street from the Housatonic River.

A site visit was scheduled and the Commissioners agreed the matter would be discussed at the meeting on March 22 at 6:30pm.

Citizen Speak Time / Commission Speak Time – There was none.

ADJOURN - **Mankin made a motion** to adjourn; **Lanoue seconded**. By roll call vote the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Recording Clerk