

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24, 2018
6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET**

PRESENT:

GAETAN LACHANCE
BILL BOYER
LISA BOZZUTO
JEFF COHEN
JESSICA DEZIECK –Absent
ANDREW MANKIN - Absent
DAVID SHANAHAN

SHEP EVANS – CONSERVATION AGENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Gaetan LaChance called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

WPA NOI 167-0369 from Dave Inglis of Mahaiwe Harvest located on South Main Street, Map 37 Lot 93 for new agriculture in the resource area of the Green River, a NHESP habitat and a 100 year flood plain. A new reviewer will be assigned it/ when the ENF from Mr. Inglis is received at NHESP. **Continued from August 28, 2013.**

MOTION: Andrew Mankin motioned to continue WPA NOI 167-0369 to the next meeting.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

WPA NOI from Berkshire Engineering on behalf of Camp Institute of Living Judaism (Camp Eisner), property at 52 Brookside Road, Map 38 Lot 11. The proposed work at Eisner Pond includes repair to a retaining wall, the dam outlet, the low level outlet structure and the inlet valve and removal of accumulated sediment. At the request of the Engineer, **At the request of the Engineer, continued from 5-31-2017 to 2-28-2018.**

MOTION: Andrew Mankin motioned to continue WPA NOI to the February 28, 2018 meeting.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

VOTE: 5-0

Discussion of an Enforcement Letter sent to James Larkin on January 22, 2018 pertaining to his filing an NOI to restore/compensate for alterations to resource areas at the confluence of the Green and Housatonic Rivers (Map 38 Lot 44). **Continued from December 20, 2017.**

David Shanahan said that the oxbow had not been previously delineated as Bordering Vegetative Wetlands. Mr. Shanahan said this new addition is extremely unfair to the Larkin's and the Conservation Commission really dropped the ball to accommodate them. Andrew Mankin said the Commission was waiting for the complete delineation from Foresight Engineering and DEP. Mr. Shanahan said a letter should have been sent to the Larkin's sooner than it was.

David Shanahan left the meeting.

Discussion of an Enforcement Order issued to Debra Storey and Kenneth C. Storey on October 18, 2013 and the related Forest Restoration Plan prepared and submitted by Forester James W. Kelly and approved by the Commission on February 26, 2014. ±29 Acres off West Sheffield Rd., Map 30 Lot 112.3.

Forester, Jim Kelly said he is still trying to get in touch with the property owner, Debra Storey. Mr. Kelly said he has found a new address and is going to send her a letter. The Commission agreed that they would like the Conservation Commission Agent to work with Mr. Kelly to set up another site visit prior to the February meeting.

Distribution of MACC Membership Cards and notice of Annual Environmental Conference.

Citizen speak time:

Christopher Wiltshire introduced himself as the candidate for the Conservation Commission Minute Scribe position.

- Gaetan LaChance announced that the application for CPA funds was submitted. If awarded the funding should be available July, 2018. Mr. LaChance explained that the funds will be directed towards projects at the McAllister Wildlife Preserve. The projects will include Jess Truro's work on habitat restoration as well as the maintenance work done by Will Conklin and the Greenagers.
- The Commission discussed inviting a pesticide use professional, possibly from UMass Amherst to present to the Commission as well as other Local Conservation Commissions. Lisa Bozzuto said that she welcomes any presentation but she does not think there is enough information to support that any usage of pesticides is safe for the environment. Andrew Mankin is in agreement with Ms. Bozzuto.

Approval of Minutes of the December 20, 2017 Conservation Commission Meetings.

MOTION: Andrew Mankin moved to approve the December 20, 2018 Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes.

SECOND: Lisa Bozzuto

Vote: 4-0

On a motion made by Andrew Mankin, seconded by Lisa Bozzuto, with a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Jurczyk', written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Jurczyk
Recording Secretary