

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018
6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET**

Members Present: GAETAN LACHANCE; BILL BOYER; LISA BOZZUTO; JEFF COHEN; ANDREW MANKIN

Members Absent: DAVID SHANAHAN; JESSICA DEZIECK

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. **Continued from August 28, 2013. Jeff Cohen motioned Lisa Bozzuto seconded to continue WPA NOI 167-0369 to the next meeting, March 28, 2018 @6:30; Unanimous Approval**

WPA NOI 167-???? 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, **Continued from 5-31-2017. Jeff Cohen motioned and Lisa Bozzuto seconded to continue WPA NOI 167-???? To the next meeting on 3/28/2018 @ 6:30; Unanimous Approval**

WPA RDA from Tighe Bond on behalf of National Grid for replacing an existing utility pole with a pad mounted transformer and the installation of a handhole on the historic Mill Complex grounds of the former Monument Mills at 174 Front Street, Housatonic, MA; Map 113 Lot 002. Steve Eckerman working for Tighe Bond represented Nation Grid. Area proposed to be under construction will be on lawn located on historic Mill Complex and stands within 200 ft of Housatonic River. Approx. distance from river 100ft. Commission members signed Determination Form. **Jeff Cohen motioned and Lisa Buzzuto seconded to issue a Negative Determination #2; Unanimous Approval**

WPA NOI 167-0414 from Foresight Land Services on behalf of Berkshire Natural Resources Council, property off the north side of State Road, Map 16 Lot 16-2E. The proposed work includes constructing a pedestrian bridge across Thomas & Palmer Brook and installation of a proposed gravel parking area between State Road and the Brook. Foresight Land Services Rep, Marc Volk, and Narain Schroder of BNRC proposed the removal of the slowly decaying trailer truck frames, open up waterway, and build a bridge over Thomas & Palmer Brook 2.5' above grade and above flood plain level. Purpose of parking lot and bridge is to provide a way for small maintenance machines to tend to BNRC trails and allow the trail to be more safe and accessible to the public. Parking lot will have native species planted along the

parking lot edge and post & rail fence. Project intended to begin in Spring. **Jeff Cohen motioned and Lisa Bozzuto seconded for approval with Standard Conditions; Unanimous Approval**

Discussion with Mike Parsons of Kelly Granger Parsons & Associates concerning his preparation of an NOI for James Larkin pertaining to restoration and/or compensation for alterations to resource areas at the confluence of the Green and Housatonic Rivers (Map 38 Lot 44). Mike parsons presented questions: 1. Can a surveyable path be mowed with a brush hog? 2. Permission to clean up the felled trees? 3. Do we want the field to be put in crop production? The Commission generally supported agricultural production. The Commission needs to see a plan of action, in order to proceed, which should include replanting on RIVERFRONT AREA between the river and farmland.

Discussion with Accord Engineering and Green House Partners LLC concerning possible changes to the condominium development project permitted at 27 Humphrey Street, Map 20 Lots 2, 5, 8 & 8B. DEP File # 167-0409 and OOC dated 3-23-2017. Al Thorp, Accord Engineering appeared with Bobby Houston and Eric Shammy from Green House Partners LLC. Asking that a public hearing be opened for the discussion of changes to the permitted development off Humphrey St. They plan to lessen the impact of the proposed 5 residential units by reducing to 3 residential units. The loop driveway will be replaced by a single 2 way driveway. The impact to wetlands will be reduced. An amendment to the OOC will be presented at Conservation Commission meeting on March 28th. A Public Hearing will be opened at the March 28th Meeting.

Discussion of an Enforcement Order issued to Debra Storey and Kenneth C. Story 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., Map30 Lot112.3. James Kelly appeared with an update. He presented an Appointment of Agent Form and requested a date for a site visit. The commission decided on March 28th at 4:00 PM at the West Sheffield Road property.

Citizen Speak: None

Commissioners Speak:

Shep Evans offered a McCallister update- The Larkin Sign Company had proposed signage for McCallister to show rules. Shep is proposing language for said sign. Language and design discussed.

Approval of Minutes:

Adjournment:

Andrew Mankin Called for a motion to adjourn; Jeff Cohen motioned and Lisa Bozzuto seconded; Unanimous Approval

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Wiltshire

Recording Secretary