

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, April 25, 2018  
6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL  
334 MAIN STREET**

**Members Present:**GAETAN LACHANCE (Chair); BILL BOYER; LISA BOZZUTO; JEFF COHEN (Vice Chair); ANDREW MANKIN; DAVID SHANAHAN; SHEP EVANS (Agent)

**WPA Notice of Intent 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.** Update on progress.

**A.Mankin motioned and L.Bozzuto seconded to have a written update or present update at 5/23/2018 meeting; Unanimous Approval**

**WPA NOI 167-0415** from Foresight Land Services, Marc Volk, on behalf of the Great Barrington Land Conservancy, property west of the Housatonic River south of Bridge Street, Map 19 Lots 145A, 145 & 152; Map 22 Lot 64 and Map 38 Lot 12F. **Continued from March 28, 2018.** The proposed work includes construction of 5 foot and 6 foot wide walking paths with 5 feet clearings of invasive species on either side of the path along portions of properties west of the Housatonic River between Bridge Street and Brookside Road. The paths are well above flood plain levels. Proposed work includes remains of a stone culvert removed and replaced with a Stream Crossing compliant culvert. There will be a 5 foot wide spur path from the cul de sac at the end of the Brookside section to the Historical Society building approx. 210 feet. Continued from March 28, 2018. **A. Mankin motioned and J. Cohen seconded to approve the NOI as presented with the following conditions: (A) no work will begin until MISA permitting process has been satisfied; (B) no herbicides will be included in managing invasive species; and (C) the path will include a 5 foot spur approx. 210 feet that leads to the Historical Society; Unanimous Approval**

**Brief discussion** with Christine Ward of the Great Barrington Land Conservancy concerning planting of replacement native species (selection assistance from Bridghe McCracken of Helia Land Design) in the Buffer Zone adjacent to Lake Mansfield.

**WPA NOI 167-0416** Marc Volk from Foresight Land Services with Vicki Donahue representing for the Housatonic Curtain Company, property at 430 Park Street, Housatonic, MA, Map 2 Lot 50. The proposed work includes permanent decommissioning of two underground storage tanks adjacent to the Housatonic River. The tanks will be cleaned and filled with concrete. For the record, Jeff Cohen has had this property under contract and since has sold contract; he has no economic interest. **A. Mankin motioned and L. Bozzuto seconded to approve the NOI as presented with conditions, the drains under the building are to be protected with erosion controls;**

**Unanimous Approval**  
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**WPA Request for Determination of Applicability** from The Trustees of Reservations, property off Grove Street, Housatonic, Map 2 Lot 44. Proposed work includes construction of an elevated boardwalk of approximately 200 feet length to mitigate any impact to an intermittent stream crossed by a new trail to be built from the village of Housatonic to Flag Rock. **A. Mankin motioned and L. Bozzuto seconded to issue negative determination #2 for proposal of boardwalk with a condition that Trustees will submit standards for boardwalk construction; Unanimous Approval**

**WPA Request for Determination of Applicability** from the Mass Department of Transportation, property is Route 23 from the Egremont Town line to the intersection with Route 7. The proposed work includes milling, paving, installing new hook lock frames, grates and covers as required, repair of defective drainage structures and other related work. **A.Mankin motioned and L.Bozzuto seconded to issue a negative determination #2 for the asphalt road repaving project; Unanimous Approval**

**WPA Request for Determination of Applicability** from the Great Barrington Fire Department , property at 84 Alford Road, Map 32 Lot 79. The proposed activities include setting and managing house fire(s) for training purposes. **A. Mankin motioned and L. Bozzuto seconded to issue a negative determination #3 for the proposal with the condition of it being a fire department training project, and when the building is removed, all materials are to be removed, and the area will be stabilized and reseeded; Unanimous Approval**

**Discussion of an Enforcement Order** issued on March 4, 2016 pertaining to land of Larkin adjacent to the confluence of the Green and Housatonic Rivers, Map 38 Lot 44. The current engineer working on this matter is Mike Parsons of Kelly Granger Parsons & Associates. **A.Mankin motioned and L.Bozzuto seconded to continue public hearing until 5/23/2018 meeting; Unanimous Approval**

**Discussion of the Enforcement Order** issued to Debra and Kenneth Story on October 18, 2013 and the Forest Restoration Plan submitted by Forester James W. Kelly. The site visit scheduled for the West Sheffield Road property on March 28th was postponed to April 25, 2018 at 4:00 PM. A future site visit will be scheduled once the area in question has been flagged. James Kelly will be doing several workshops to raise awareness of appropriate logging practices, and the Commission agreed that some restoration is necessary.

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**Citizen Speak:** NONE

**Commissioners Speak:**

Jeff Cohen - Suggested to change the dates of the November and December meetings.

**A. Mankin motioned, L. Bozzuto seconded, to change the Conservation Commission Nov. and Dec. meetings to November 14, 2018 and December 19, 2018. Unanimous approval.**

Shep Evans - Kate Van Olst is applying for the Con Com seat vacated by Jess Dezieck.

Greenagers sent in a budget for work at McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

**The Commission approved second page of the budget proposal subject to funding from town meeting (proposed in CPC) Funds available in July 2018**

Bill Boyer is taking on supervision of signage for McAllister

**Approval of Minutes:**

**A.Mankin motioned, L.Bozzuto seconded, to approve the minutes from 2/28/2018**

**Adjournment:**

**A.Mankin moved to adjourn; L.Bozzuto seconded; Unanimous Approval**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Wiltshire

Recording Secretary