

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 23, 2018
6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET**

Members Present:GAETAN LACHANCE; BILL BOYER; LISA BOZZUTO; ANDREW MANKIN; DAVID SHANAHAN; AGENT, SHEP EVANS.

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.

Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to continue until the next meeting 6-27-2018 with a condition to close hearing if there is no contact. Unanimous approval.

WPA Notice of Intent 167-0417 from Kelly Granger Parsons & Associates for Peter Schulte, property at 12 Cottage Street, Map 14 Lot 261. The proposed work consists of renovating an existing residence, constructing a new front sidewalk and asphalt driveway, installing a wooden fence and removing a shed, a gravel driveway and old sidewalks – which areas will revert to grass. All work will be within the inner 100 ft. riparian area of the Housatonic River. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to approve NOI 167-0417 with Standard Order of Conditions as presented. Unanimous approval.**

WPA Request for Determination of Applicability from Clark & Green Architects on behalf of Jess Cooney, property at #2 State Road, Map 14 Lot 8. The proposed work consists of repairing the foundation of an existing building by excavating around the exterior, repairing as needed and backfilling. Excavated areas will become garden beds or part of a new accessible path into the building. The existing asphalt parking area will be replaced with a compacted gravel parking area.

Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to continue public hearing to the next meeting 6-27-2018. Unanimous approval.

WPA Notice of Intent 167-0418 submitted by Terrance Smith of the Mass Office of Fishing & Boating Access for the Town of Great Barrington; property at 13 Lake Mansfield Road, Map 10 Lot 43A. The proposed work consists of site improvements including storm water management and repairs to an existing cartop boat access facility at Lake Mansfield. All work will be within the 100 ft. buffer zone of the lake. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to approve NOI 167-0418 as presented with Standard Order of Conditions as presented with 2 conditions erosion controls will be silt fence and straw waddle and maple being cut down will be replaced and guaranteed with a native tree. Unanimous approval.**

WPA Notice of Intent 167-0419 submitted as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project by Joan Deely of Land Stewardship, Inc. on behalf of the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), property at Beartown State Forest, Fountain Pond Park and East Mountain State Forest. The proposed work includes various invasive plant species treatments including Hand Pulling; Cut Stem Treatment with Herbicide Application; Spot Foliar Treatment; and Hand Wiping with Herbicide soaked Cotton Gloves. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Bill Boyer seconded with Standard conditions and the conditions that spot foliar treatment be done only where absolutely necessary not convenient and that there are annual reports with discussions of what is to be done the following year with input from the Commission. 4-1 Lisa Bozzuto opposed. Lisa Statement for the record: “The American Cancer Society includes Glyphosate on its list of compounds that are probable carcinogenic to humans. There are currently 100s of lawsuits pending that alledge exposure to Round Up led to the development of Hodgkins Lymphoma. Many countries have either issued or are in the process of issuing an outright ban on the use of Glyphosate. As a registered nurse, I view this as a public health issue and as a conservation commissioner, im opposed to the use of glyphosate in any resource or buffer zone area.” ‘ i urge the state to look for alternative solutions to Glyphosate and i would urge the Commission to ban herbicides and start to look at other communities doing so and that Great Barrington should too.’**

WPA Notice of Intent 167-XXXX submitted by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Town of Great Barrington, the property consists of Bridge Street and Church Street in downtown Great Barrington. The project includes improvements to existing public roadways including milling & overlay of road pavement, replacement of existing curb and concrete sidewalk, installation of new concrete sidewalks, and replacement of existing bituminous concrete driveway aprons. The proposed work covered by Wetlands Regulations consists of new sidewalks and an extended driveway apron. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to continue public hearing to next meeting 6-27-2018. 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. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa seconded to continue discussion of an enforcement order to the next meeting 6-27-2018. 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.

Discussion of recent Special Permit application from Main Street Hospitality to the Planning Board for a new sign at their Braircliff Motel on Rt. 7 opposite Monument Mountain. **Andrew**

Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded for special permit, the wetlands act does not apply and have no problems with it; Unanimous Approval.

Introduction of Kate VanOlst.

Returning Commissioner after 3 years of absence

Citizen speak time.

Request for Certificate of Compliance from Foresight Land Service

Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa seconded to motion to issue a certificate of compliance.. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes: **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa seconded approval of Feb. 28th, Mar. 28th, April 25th Minutes**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wiltshire

Recording Secretary