

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, June 27, 2018
6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET**

Members Present:; BILL BOYER; LISA BOZZUTO; JEFF COHEN; ANDREW MANKIN; KATE VANOLST; AGENT, SHEP EVANS.

WPA Notice of Intent 167-0369 from Dave Inglis of Mahaiwe Harvest, property located on South Main Street, Map 37 Lot 93. The applicant proposes to establish agriculture in the Riverfront Resource Area adjacent to 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 close the public hearing for the NOI. Unanimous approval.**

WPA Request for Determination of Applicability from Laura Jordahl, property at 50 Hurlburt Road, Map 31 Lots 16 & 16B. Proposed work includes demolition and removal of a substantial portion of an existing building and adjacent deck within the Buffer Zone of an Intermittent Stream. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to issue a negative determination #3 with a condition that the applicant notify the agent when erosion controls are in place. Unanimous approval.**

WPA Request for Determination of Applicability from Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates for Katherine Sachs, property at 81 Division Street, Map 28 Lot 15. The applicant is seeking to install an upgrade to an existing septic system within the outer 50 feet of the Buffer Zone adjacent to an Intermittent Stream. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to issue a negative determination #3. 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. **Continued until next meeting, 7/25/2018.**

WPA Notice of Intent 167-0421 Ben Naylor from Berkshire Engineering on behalf of Butternut Basin, Inc., property at 380 State Road (Rt. 23) Map 42 Lot 20. Proposed work includes construction of drainage and structural foundation improvements and the addition of 297 square feet of interior space to an existing building within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of an Intermittent Stream. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to approve the project with standard conditions and additional special conditions of using straw bales instead of waddles, at least 1 commission member to attend erosion controls inspection before any**

work starts, and additional erosion controls to be installed downstream of the pipe and drain tie in. 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 after excavating around the exterior and creating new garden beds for planting. The existing asphalt parking area will remain. Continued from May 23, 2018. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to issue a negative determination #2. Unanimous approval.**

WPA Notice of Intent 167-0420 Matt Renondo with Martinez Couch and Associates, Sean Van Deusen, and Richard Couch 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. Continued from May 23, 2018. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to issue an Order of Conditions with standard conditions. Unanimous approval.**

Discussion of the plan to conduct three Scenic Mountain Act & Forestry workshops/seminars, to be run by Forester James W. Kelly (as agreed at the 5/23/2018 ConsComm meeting), in lieu of requiring replanting Debra Story's land off West Sheffield Road that was clear-cut in violation of the Scenic Mountain Act in 2013. Also, confirmation of the type of gate to be used to close the access wood road. **Request a written proposal for the gate to be installed about what, when, and where the seminars are happening within the next 12 months.**

McAllister Wildlife Refuge - Discussion of CPA application for funding. Commissioners are considering asking for CPA funding for McAllister Wildlife Refuge that could go to trail restoration, kiosk construction, and signage. Jess Toro will be asked to come to the next Con Comm meeting.

Per ShepEvans Request,

Andrew Mankin motioned, and Lisa Bozzuto seconded, that the Conservation Commission give Shep Evans permission to sign the signature page of the Woodland Enhancement Plan prepared by Forester Peter Tucker. Unanimous approval.

McAllister Wildlife Refuge – Discussion of MOU, project scheduling and budgeting with Greenagers. Friends of McAllister Wildlife Refuge is a 501c3 non-profit. The commission will write a Letter of Notice to the abutters of McAllister Wildlife Refuge for a tour of the park and introduction to the Friends of McAllister. Greenagers has written up a plan to work on the main trails and build a bridge over the small stream in McAllister Park, clearing out invasives along trails.

Request for Certificate of Compliance: Green Seal Environmental for Bart Elsbach - Fairground Solar.

Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to approve Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous approval.

Request for Certificates of Compliance: Berkshire Engineering for Butternut Basin - Four NOIs. Shep Evans has inspected and all projects have complied with their Order of Conditions.

DEP 167-0294 Work on pump house and bank stabilization

DEP 167- 0306 Stabilization and revegetation by a small red cabin from pond to dam

DEP 167- 0345 Storm water retention basin and four bay garage at the far side of vast parking area

DEP 167- 0386 Reculverting of the intermittent stream and a stream crossing going to far side of the dam

Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to issue Certificate of Compliance for the 4 Projects listed above. Unanimous approval.

Request for Certificate of Compliance: Creative Bldg. Solutions for Bryan & Sally Marsh – 5 Roger Rd. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous approval.**

Commissioner Speak. (None)

New affordable housing complex proposed at 910 South Street.

Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to recommend that the town to wave its right of first refusal for acquisition of the property. Unanimous approval.

Citizen speak time. (None)

Approval of Minutes of May, 23, 2018 continued to July, 25, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wiltshire

Recording Secretary