

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018
6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET

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

WPA Request for Determination of Applicability from Marc Palumbo. Property at 322 Park Street N. The applicant is seeking to take down three old and dangerous trees in the Riverfront area along Rising Pond/ Housatonic River. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with a condition that the applicants plant a species of “understory” sized tree or bushes to replace the trees removed next to the driveway. Unanimous approval.**

Special Permit Application to allow a prospective client, Tractor Supply, to store and display retail goods in the portion of the unused open paved area to the rear of the building formerly owned by K Mart. In this matter, the commission is advisory to the Special Permit granting authority, which is the Board of Selectmen. **Andrew Mankin motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to send a positive letter of recommendation to the Select Board with the comment that if Reserved Area Parking A or B were ever needed to be developed that the applicant would have to come to the Commission for permitting because these areas are in a buffer zone. Unanimous approval.**

Discussion of an Enforcement Order issued on March 4, 2016 pertaining to land of Larkin adjacent to the Green and Housatonic Rivers, Map38 Lot 44. **Continued from June 27, 2018. A letter will be sent out by September 7th. If no action is taken to comply with the commission's enforcement order by September 21st, citations will continue to be issued until Mr. Larkin complies.**

Discussion about requesting professional assistance to resolve the ownership of +/- .3 Acres of land that, per the deed to the Town of Great Barrington (BK-397 PG-477), is part of the McAllister Wildlife Refuge fronting on the Green River. **Jeff Cohen motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to authorize the expenditure of commission funds of up to \$2000 to determine the ownership of the subject parcel identified on the plan dated Oct. 2012 by Kelly Granger Parsons. Unanimous Approval.**

McAllister Wildlife Refuge – Review of the results of the “Friends of McAllister Refuge” event held at Aston Magna and other miscellaneous items. **The commission has recommended that Jeff, Lisa, Gaetan and Jess Toro meet to agree on a management plan that will be presented for a vote at the Sept meeting.**

Request for issuance of Certificates of Compliance from the Great Barrington Fire District Water Department. Water exploration on North Plain Rd. will no longer be pursued. The project is completed and no further action will be taken. **Jeff Cohen motioned, Andrew Mankin seconded to issue the certificate of compliance. Unanimous approval.**

Citizen speak time: None

Approval of Minutes: None

New election of Chairman for the Conservation Commission: Andrew Mankin motioned. Lisa Bozzuto seconded the nomination of Jeff Cohen as the new chair. Unanimous Approval.

Jeff Cohen motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded to nominate Bill Boyer as the Vice Chairman. Unanimous Approval.

Adjournment. Andrew Mankin motioned, Jeff Cohen seconded, to adjourn meeting at 7:34. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wiltshire



Recording Secretary