

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

**Members Present:** GAETAN LACHANCE; LISA BOZZUTO; JEFF COHEN; DAVID SHANAHAN; AGENT, SHEP EVANS.

**WPA Request for Determination of Applicability** from Mike Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates on behalf of the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae). The subject property is at 406 Monterey Road, Map 42 Lot 7C. The applicant is seeking to install an upgrade to an existing septic system, part of which is within the outer 50 foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. **Jeff Cohen motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to issue a negative determination #3 with standard conditions. 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. The engineer most recently working on this matter has been Mike Parsons of Kelly Granger Parsons & Assoc. **Continued from June 27, 2018.** The Commission awaits action a survey of the Housatonic River frontage. Mike Parsons has been awaiting a brush mowed path for the survey to be done as easily as possible. Latest response from Larkin is 'We're not going to brush mow and they can take this to court if they need to.' **Jeff Cohen motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, that prior fines of the Larkin matter be reinstated and if not paid in 2 weeks, taken to the magistrate for enforcement and that new fines of \$300 per day commence 2 weeks from today. The owner will be notified by a letter prior to the next meeting. Unanimous approval.**

**Discussion with Mike Parsons** about resolving 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. **Mike Parsons will look further into the property lines of McAllister Park and get back to us at the next meeting.**

**WPA Notice of Intent 167-0422** from Foresight Land Services on behalf of the Town of Great Barrington. The proposed project will implement storm water drainage improvements for Knob Hill Road and involves work in Knob Hill Road and in the adjacent area of Lake Mansfield Road, Great Barrington, Map 10. **Jeff Cohen motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to approve the project with the condition that trees adjacent to work area that are cut are to be replaced with trees to be determined by tree committee or tree warden. Unanimous approval.**

**Discussion of the time and place to conduct three Scenic Mountain Act & Forestry workshops/ seminars,** to be run by Forester James W. Kelly (as agreed at the 5/23/2018

ConComm meeting) Also, a discussion of the proposed type of gate and locking arrangement to be installed at the top of the access wood road to the land of Debra Story off West Sheffield Road. **The Commission requires a metal farmgate with padlock to be installed on the forest road and signage signifying a forest restoration area. Workshops and/or seminars will be scheduled to run in the Fall, Winter, and Spring of 2018/19.**

**McAllister Wildlife Refuge** - Discussion of CPA application for the next round of funding.

**McAllister Wildlife Refuge** – Discussion with Jess Toro of Native Habitat Restoration. Jess Toro reviewed methods for the Native Habitat Restoration. Lisa Bozzuto expressed concern around the use of foliar spraying of herbicide and strongly recommended some kind of replanting in the area that is supposed to be mowed. It was agreed that 50% will be cleared by hand and 50 % will be cleared by herbicide to test results of both methods of invasive removal.

**Citizen speak time:None**

**Approval of Minutes** of the recent May 23 Conservation Commission Meeting. **Lisa Bozzuto motioned, Gaetan Lachance seconded, to approve May 23, 2018 minutes. Unanimous approval.**

**Adjournment.** Jeff Cohen motioned, Lisa Bozzuto seconded, to adjourn meeting at 8:33. **Unanimous approval.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wiltshire

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Chris Wiltshire', written in black ink.

Recording Secretary