

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Great Barrington Fire Station, 37 State Road
Large Training Room**

Members Present: Jeffrey Cohen, Chairman; Bill Boyer, Vice-Chair; Lisa Bozzuto; Andrew Mankin; Kate VanOlst. **Conservation Agent:** Shep Evans.

Chairman Jeff Cohen called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

WPA Request for Determination of Applicability from Jeff Rotherberg c/o Creative Building Solutions, property at 18 Squaw Peak Road, Map 32 Lot 14-28. The proposed project consists of construction of a one-room addition to the east side of an existing residence. The construction site is approximately 200 feet from the edge of the Williams River. The Commission, having conducted a site visit earlier in the week, briefly discussed & summarized the layout of the site and the applicant's proposal to install erosion controls along the far side of the driveway (away from the house). **Motion by Mr. Mankin, seconded by Mr. Boyer, to approve the proposed work and issue a Negative Determination #2 with standard conditions. Unanimous approval.**

McAllister Wildlife Refuge – Mr. Cohen and the Commission discussed the next round of CPC funding applications. Mr. Cohen announced that he and Jess Toro would be participating in the application process at the next CPC meeting.

WPA Request for Determination of Applicability from Matthew L. Dodds concerning site preparation, including excavation, grading and driveway improvement, for a single family residence on Quarry Street, Map 20 Lot 130B. Continued from September 26, 2018 meeting. Per the Commission's request, Mr. Dodds presented his site plan with the area 100 feet from the neighboring quarry drawn in by Kelly Granger Parsons and showing the location of proposed silt fence during construction of a proposed residence. **Motion by Mr. Mankin, seconded by Ms. Bozzuto, to issue a Negative Determination #1 with standard conditions including the maintenance of the silt fence, as shown, during construction. Unanimous approval.**

WPA Request for Determination of Applicability from Dale Finkle c/o Kelly Granger Parsons, property at 418 Monterey Road, Map 42 Lot 10F. The proposed work consists of installation of a septic upgrade to an existing system in the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Having completed a site visit earlier in the week, the Commission noted the extensive wetlands surrounding the developed house-site and suggested that any yard work in the future would require the filing of a Request for Determination. **Motion by Mr. Mankin, seconded by Ms. Bozzuto, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with a note that "all future work anywhere on the property surrounding the house will require a wetlands permit from the Commission". Unanimous approval.**

Discussion of Restoration Plan per the Enforcement Order of March 4, 2016 pertaining to land of Larkin adjacent to the Green and Housatonic Rivers, Map38 Lot 44. Continued from September 26, 2018 meeting. It was agreed that the Conservation Agent would develop language summarizing in general terms the agreed restoration plan in order to provide guidance to Kelly Granger Parsons for their drafting such a plan to be implemented by Mr. Larkin.

Report on resolution of 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. **Continued to December 19th meeting in order to give Kelly Granger Parsons time to complete field work, weather permitting.**

Discussion of proposed restoration plan (required by the Enforcement Order of 9-10-2018) from Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering, Inc. on behalf of 81 Division Street LLC and Jonathan & Ronnie Halpern. Continued from September 26, 2018 meeting. Ms. Boomsma presented adjustments to the planting plan to provide more diversity of plant material and agreed to develop and present a proposal for mowing or otherwise mitigating the spread of invasive plant species. **Continued to November 28, 2018 meeting.**

Preview/Discussion with Tim Geller of CDCSB and Brent White of White Engineering concerning proposed development of affordable housing at 910 Main Street, Map 30 Lots 49 & 49A, south of the VFW property and across Route 7 from Brookside Road. Following a site visit earlier in the week, it was agreed that White would flag trees to be cut and Kelly Granger Parsons would stake and flag the 50 foot setback from the BVW to the west and the limit of work. White expected to have the Notice of Intent ready for a second site visit followed by a public hearing on November 28, 2018.

Review and Recommendation(s) to the Zoning Board and Selectboard on recent Variance and Special Permit applications, respectively. The Commission briefly reviewed the subject sites and agreed to make no comment as these locations were all non-jurisdictional.

Citizen speak time: NONE.

Miscellaneous: The Commission discussed alternative meeting dates for the December meeting. **Motion by Mr. Mankin, seconded by Ms. Bozzuto, to hold the December meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 in the training room at the GB Fire Station, 37 State Road. Unanimous approval.**

Adjournment: Hearing no objection, Chmn. Cohen adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

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Respectfully,



Shepley W. Evans
Conservation Agent