

# GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2021

6:30PM

## **Remote Meeting via ZOOM Video / Telephone Conference**

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## **AGENDA**

**Call to Order:** The Chair will conduct a roll call to identify attendees. All votes taken during the meeting will be roll call votes. All participants please identify themselves before speaking.

**1. Request for discussion,** from Jess Toro of Native Habitat Restoration LLC, concerning invasive species removal required under a Negative Determination of Applicability issued by the Commission for the Drucker property on Blue Hill Road, Map 37 Lots 9J, 9D and 9K.

**2. Notice of Intent (DEP File # 167-0436)** from Foresight Land Services on behalf of Leonard Felson & Julia Rosenblum. The property is at 56 River Street, Map 14 Lot 258. The proposed work consists of stabilizing a section of Housatonic Riverbank and related site work including construction of a planted structural bank stabilization system to mitigate against future erosion during storm events. This public hearing is being conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw and is **continued from December 9, 2020.**

**3. Requested Discussion:** The Community Development Corporation of the Southern Berkshires (CDCSB) wishes to discuss a draft conservation restriction covering part of the 100 Bridge Street / Bentley Street affordable housing and riverside greenspace development including the Conservation Commission acting on behalf of the Town as the holder and monitor of the restriction.

**4. Request for Determination of Applicability** from Robert Harris & Ellen McTigue, property at 80 Monument Valley Road, Map 41 Lot 7C. The proposed work consists of removing a 14' x 14' portion of an existing deck. Installing three Techno Post Helical screw/piles, and re-building in the same 14' x 14' footprint an enclosed sunroom. Existing concrete piers under the removed deck will be abandoned and remain undisturbed. The public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Kate VanOlst, Chairperson.

**5. Request for Determination of Applicability** from SK Design Group on behalf of Joseph Lewis, property at 80 Lewis Avenue, Map 18 Lot 100. The proposed work consists of converting an existing single family house into professional office, establishing 10 paved parking spaces, including +/- 943 sq. ft. of new pavement and installation of underground propane tanks within a buffer zone. The public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Kate VanOlst, Chairperson.

**6. Request for Determination of Applicability** from the Great Barrington Land Conservancy; the property is the Riverwalk trail easement, Map 19 Lot 1238. The proposed work consists of removing a hazardous dead Elm tree on the upper bank of the Housatonic River, leaving the root system in the ground and planting two new riparian native deciduous saplings nearby. The public meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Great Barrington Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Kate VanOlst, Chairperson.

**7. Citizen Speak Time / Commission Speak Time**

**8. Approval of minutes** of the Wednesday, December 9, 2021 meeting.

**9. Next meeting date** and requested deadline for new submissions.

**10. ADJOURN**

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