

**GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2022

6:30PM

**Remote Meeting via ZOOM Webinar / Telephone Conference**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's February 12, 2022 Revised Order extending remote participation by all members of any meeting of a public body, this meeting of the Great Barrington Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the town's website, at [www.townofgb.org](http://www.townofgb.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: See instructions at the top of the Agenda. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means.

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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.

**Public Meeting:** The Commission is holding this public meeting to consider Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDAs) under the Mass Wetlands Protection Act, the Great Barrington Wetland Bylaw or the Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act as follows:

1. An RDA from the Great Barrington Land Conservancy / Riverwalk Project, property at 197 Main Street, Map 14 Lot 227. The work consists of removing one failing Silver Maple and 4 invasive Norway Maple trees adjacent to the River Walk Main Street access staircase to insure public safety and avoid negative impact to the surrounding habitat.

2. An RDA from John W. Field Tree Service on behalf of Bryan Rawls, property at 8 George Street, Map 11 Lot 59. The work consists of removing one 26" diameter spruce tree within the buffer zone of an intermittent stream. The tree suffers from severe animal damage and root rot and will be flush-cut leaving the stump and existing roots in the ground to maintain the stability of the bank.

**Public Hearings:** The Great Barrington Conservation Commission is holding these two public hearings to consider Notices of Intent (NOIs) under the Mass Wetlands Protection Act, the Great Barrington Wetland Bylaw or the Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act as follows:

1. Two Notices of Intent from Native Habitat Restoration on behalf of Berkshire Natural Resources Council, properties are (A) Housatonic Flats, (DEP # 167-0447) at 439 Stockbridge Road, Map 29 Lot 4 and (B) Rising Pond Conservation Area (DEP #167-0445) 267 North Park Street, Map 7 Lot 30. The proposed work consists of treating and removing invasive plant species as part of two Ecological Restoration Limited Projects.

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2. Continued from February 23, 2022, an NOI from Greylock Design Associates for Eric & Jennifer Aronson, property at 9 Buttondown Lane, Map 34 Lot 9. The proposed project is for installation of native understory plantings as a restoration effort to replace trees and shrubs that were erroneously removed from the Riverfront Area.

**Discussion:** The Commission will discuss various items of interest or concern:

1. A draft letter summarizing the Commission's November 29, 2021 site visit to several properties within the mapped Scenic Mountain Area along Castle Hill Ave. **Continued from February 23, 2022.**

2. Chapter 61 / Right of First Refusal: Review and comment to the Selectboard on whether the Town should exercise or waive its Chapter 61 right of first refusal on the following two parcels of land on Lake Buel Road identified as follows:

a. 0.615 acres designated as Parcel A, a portion of existing Parcel 38.1 of Assessors Map 42, to be conveyed from Steven Weinberg to the Bearman Nucifero Revocable Trust and removed from Chapter 61 status;

b. 0.492 acres designated as Parcel B, a portion of existing Parcel 38D of Assessors Map 42, to be conveyed from the Bearman Nucifero Revocable Trust to Steven Weinberg and removed from Chapter 61 status.

3. Recommended Revisions, from the Town Planning Department, to Chapter 217 -14.1 ; 217-14.5 and 217.15 of the Great Barrington Wetland Regulations as circulated to the Commission.

**Approval of minutes:** New recording secretary, Stacy Ostrow, has been working on past and present minutes.

**Citizen Speak Time / Commission Speak Time**

**Next meeting date 5/25/ 2022; proposed site visits 5/19/2022; new submissions requested by 5/06/2022**

**ADJOURN**

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