Call to Order: Chairwoman Van Olst opened the meeting at 6:38pm. Those present: Andy Didio, Tom Ferris, Michael Lanoue, David Shanahan, Kate Van Olst. Absent: Andrew Mankin. Also present: Conservation Agent, Shep Evans

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting. Lanoue made a motion to approve the June 28, 2023 minutes; Shanahan seconded. Van Olst asked for any discussion – there was none. By roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Notice of Intent (DEP File # 167-0455) from Solitude Lake Management on behalf of URJ Eisner Camp for an Aquatic and Mechanical Management Program for Camp Eisner Pond to control Invasive and/or Nuisance Aquatic Vegetation through USEPA/MA registered Mechanical techniques or hand pulling. Continued at the Applicant’s request to August 23, 2023. Lanoue made a motion to continue to the next meeting on August 23 at 6:30pm; Shanahan seconded. Van Olst asked for any discussion – there was none. By roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

3 Request for Amendment to Order of Conditions (DEP File # 167-0452) from Emily Stockman on behalf of HLP Realty LLC, property at 6 Omega Road. The proposed work consists of constructing an attached deck approximately 12 ft. by 20 ft. and an elevated walkway approximately 4 ft. by 21 ft. on the Southeast corner of a new single family home under construction. The associated work area requires no new grading and does not encroach on the nearby Buffer Zone Mitigation Area. Lanoue made a motion to approve the Amended Order of Conditions as presented with the condition that sono tubes or helical piles are used as footing for the deck; Shanahan seconded. Van Olst asked for any discussion – there was none. By roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Notice of Intent (DEP File # 167-0456) from Foresight Land Services on behalf of Daniel Zevin and Megan Tingley, property at 85 Division Street. The proposed work includes improvements and related site work to an existing single family house within Land Subject to Flooding and Riverfront Land adjacent to the Williams River. Didio made a motion to approve the plan as presented with the condition that the contractor ensure that demolition of the existing deck does not result in any discharge of soil or construction debris into the Williams River; Lanoue seconded, Van Olst asked for any discussion – there was none. By roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Request for Determination of Applicability from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.(VHB) on behalf of Massachusetts Electric Company (MECO), property is the Main Street Roadway (R.O.W.) in Great Barrington. The proposed work includes the installation of one new mid-span utility pole along with the replacement of one existing pole adjacent to Main Street, within the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. All work will be conducted from the shoulder of Main Street R.O.W. Didio made a motion to issue a negative determination #3 for a pole replacement and a new pole installation; Lanoue seconded. Van Olst asked for any discussion – there was none. By roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.
6. **Discussion**: The Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider current and possible new filing fees for new permits, amendments to existing permits, inspections, certifications, and miscellaneous research. The Commissioners asked Evans to provide a list of what would trigger a fee and to create a proposed schedule of fees to present to the Commissioners.

   **Lanoue** made a motion to continue to the next meeting on August 23 at 6:30pm; **Shanahan seconded**. Van Olst asked for any discussion – there was none. By roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

7. **Citizens Speak Time**
   a. Lake Mansfield – Discussion on the process to clear weeds from the boat launch to the dock. Van Olst stated she would reach out to Chris Rembold to better understand next steps.
   b. 920 Main Street – Joe and Michelle Maki presented their plan for an outdoor cannabis cultivation site on their property. A special permit application will come before the Selectboard and the Commission is being asked to provide its perspective. The Commissioners discussed the plan, and while there are wetlands on the property, the cultivation site is outside the buffer zone.

   **Lanoue** made a motion to send a letter to the Selectboard stating that the Conservation Commission has reviewed the plan and it does not raise any jurisdictional concerns or interests; **Ferris seconded**. Van Olst asked for any discussion – there was none. By roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

8. **Adjournment** – **Lanoue** made a motion to adjourn; **Shanahan seconded**. By roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Recording Clerk