GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 6:30 PM
Great Barrington Town Hall
334 Main Street
Selectmen’s Meeting Room

Call to Order: 6:32 PM.

Update on the Status of Enforcement on land of Debra Story at West Sheffield Road, Map 30 Lot 112.3. Forester James W. Kelly was expected to present three educational workshops on the Scenic Mountain Act and related subjects. The Commission has not heard from Mr. Kelly. Continued to 10-23-19.

Kelly will return 10/23/19 with schedule of 3 programs.

Request for an Amended Order of Conditions (OOC) DEP File# 167-0399 from SK Design Group, Inc. on behalf of 79 Bridge Street Realty LLC, property located at 70 Bridge Street, Map 19 Lot 139. The applicant seeks to amend the Order of Conditions (DEP# 167-0399) for construction of an 88-room hotel, including accessory amenities and infrastructure, at 79 Bridge Street. The changes reflect reductions in the overall size of the hotel project. Approved all changes & voted to issue amended order of conditions.

Request for Determination of Applicability from Tom Ingersoll of Ingersoll Land Care for Hevreh of the Southern Berkshires, property at 270 State Road, Map 15 Lot 49. The proposed work includes pruning plantings, removing standing dead trees, manually removing invasive plant species and possibly adding some new native plantings in and around an existing rain garden and along an intermittent stream. Approved with conditions.

Request for Determination of Applicability from Alexander Thorp of ACCORD Engineering & Surveying LLC for Timpane Construction, Inc., property at 171 Division Street, Map 32 Lot 5. The applicant is seeking to demolish an existing dwelling within the Buffer Zone of a pond and reconstruct a new dwelling with equal footprint. The applicant also seeks to remove selected trees adjacent to the dwelling in order to reduce risk to persons and property. Approved with conditions.

Update on McAllister Wildlife Refuge the proposed project submission(s) to the CPC for the next round of Community Preservation Act funding. Update on status of the Friends of McAllister W. R. Agreed unanimously on McAllister project to submit to CPC. Also agreed unanimously on establishment of a conservation fund and related grant application for CPC.

Overview of a potential enforcement matter on the bank of the Williams River. Discussed with property owner and resolved.

Discussion of a proposed educational policy for new Conservation Commission members. Agreed that new members would be expected/required to complete a mandatory training.

Discussion and consideration of recommendations to the Selectboard and the Zoning Board of Appeals on Special Permit Applications:
- #898-19 Green Houses Partners swimming pool at 27 Humphrey St. — NO JURISDICTION.
- #899-19 Robert Brownson proposed solid waste hauler operation at 57 Van Deusenville Rd. NO JURISDICTION.
- #900-19 Duncan Stafford’s appeal of a Cease and Desist Order at 200 Maple Avenue. NO JURISDICTION.

Citizen Speak Time (NONE)

Approval of Minutes of July 24th and August 28th, 2019 meetings. Approved 7/24/19, minutes, continued 8/28/19. Minutes.

Miscellaneous items unforeseen by the Chairman or the Agent at the time of posting. Discussed Lake Mansfield Road issues and Alternative Conservation Actions/Responses. Also signed 12 certificates of compliance for old orders of conditions issued to Simon’s Rock/Ford.