

**Town of Sheffield
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Date: July 8, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: The Carlton French Room – Sheffield Town Hall

Members in Attendance:

Don Ward, Chairman
James Collingwood
Howard Chezar

Minutes Recorded by:

Joanne Conti

General Public in Attendance:

Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering
Kathy Orlando, Sheffield Land Trust
Leslie Luchonok, The Nature Conservancy

Public Hearing, Notice of Intent filed by Brian Schwab, for property on 927 Boardman St., pond dredging.

Commission members and consultant for the applicant, Tom Coote, had not yet been able to schedule a site visit. This would be done and this item was continued to the next meeting.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for property of Deborah Reich, 1666 Boardman St.

In 2010, the applicant had come before the Commission for a project involving moving the existing house, building a new garage and relocating the well. The hillside had subsequently, been terraced and planted. The Commission scheduled a site visit and this item was continued to the next meeting.

Conservation Restriction for property on 404 Legeyt Rd.

Leslie Luchonek and Kathy Orlando were present. They stated that there is now a purchase and sale agreement pending on this property. The agreement made with the original owner of this property was that the Sheffield Land Trust and Nature Conservancy hold it for at least ten years and if it was eventually sold to make it into a conservation restriction. Financially, the Nature Conservancy had been doing better before, with more tenants, grants and donations. These have dwindled over the years. In addition, parts of the building need serious repairs.

The conservation restriction will be on the surrounding, natural, wooded and agricultural area. Building will only be allowed on the three acre area where the existing house is. The buyers wish to have horses on the property. It is uncertain, at this point, what they will do with the existing buildings.

It will be necessary to prove that the creation of a conservation restriction will be in the public's best interests. The Town and the State will need to sign off on it. The Commission, as well as, the

Board of Selectmen may go on a site walk of the property. The property is scheduled to close on September 16th.

Other Business:

Leslie Luchonok stated that the restoration project, Parcel 2 in the Kelsey Rd. area is coming along very well with vegetation establishing itself. He would like to remove the silt fencing now so as to not inhibit wildlife movement. Howard Chezar then made a motion to allow removal of the silt fencing on this site. James Collingwood seconded the motion and all approved.

Mr. Luchonok stated that the annual monitoring report on this restoration project would be provided at the next meeting. This monitoring would be done for one more year. The Commission is welcome to come out and make a site visit, but he suggested waiting until the fall so that everything has a change to grow in fully.

Mr. Luchonok further stated that the Nature Conservancy stone wall project, which is also in the Kelsey Road area will commence soon and the Commission will be notified when this happens.

Don Ward spoke to Bart Elsbach regarding David West's complaint of his having done unpermitted work on his property and having left construction debris on the banks of the Schenob Brook. He stated that Mr. Elsbach claimed he had not been doing any work and that Mr. West didn't like him. Mr. Ward advised Mr. Elsbach to communicate with the Commission if any work is to be done in that area. He will follow up with David West.

Bills Pending

Outstanding bills were addressed.

Mail:

Mail was distributed and read.

Minutes:

James Collingwood made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2013 and June 24, 2014, as written. Howard Chezar seconded the motion and all approved.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Commission this evening, Don Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Howard Chezar seconded the motion and all approved.

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3. Leslie Luchonok TNC Sheffield
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