

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 2014
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman
Cheryl Blackburn
Peter Stiglin

Board Members Not Present: James Collingwood, Sr.
Howard Chezar

Others Present: Jill Hughes, Clerk
Members of the public (see sign in sheet)

Chairman Don Ward called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Appalachian Trail Conservancy for property on Sheffield Egremont Road. The proposed project is: Work is restoration pruning of woody plants and brush to preserve habitat for rare plant species. Cut stumps of state-listed invasive woody plant species will be treated with systemic herbicide as appropriate. All work, including herbicide application, by licensed contractor to be performed after Nov. 2014.

Cosmo Catalano was present for the applicant. Chairman Ward met with Mr. Catalano to conduct a site visit earlier this evening. Mr. Catalano reviewed the proposed project and the site maps with the Commission. He explained that all work at the site would be done by hand, no machinery would be used and that work will be done in November when plants are dormant. A discussion ensued. P. Stiglin asked what type of herbicide would be used. Mr. Catalano stated that he did not know what the contractor would be using. Chairman Ward suggested that Mr. Catalano contact Natural Heritage because of the priority habitat area. **D. Ward motioned, with a second from P. Stiglin to issue a Negative Determination #2 on this Request for Determination of Applicability for Appalachian Trail Conservancy. The motion passed 3-0.**

The Commission requested that the applicant notify them prior to the start of the project and when it is completed.

Minutes: There was no approval of minutes from the August 11, 2014 meeting because there was no quorum of members who were present for that meeting. It will be put on the next meeting agenda.

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: Chairman Ward briefed P. Stiglin and C. Blackburn on the Forest Cutting Plan and Enforcement Order for the Rand property on Cooper Hill Rd since they were not present at those meetings.

Chairman Ward spoke about an upcoming conference in Providence, RI in September and a webinar offered by the Army Corp of Engineers.

The Commission reviewed a Forest Cutting Plan for the Sheffield Water Company and a notice for treatment of Perlman Pond from Lycott Environmental.

Chairman Ward spoke about how important it is that all members make it to meetings so everyone is informed and a quorum is present. He also spoke to P. Stiglin who was appointed to the Bylaw Review Committee about attending those meetings. Peter stated that he is unable to attend due to his schedule. C. Blackburn cannot attend either due to her schedule. The matter be revisited at a future meeting to see if other members who were not present this evening are interested in serving on the Committee.

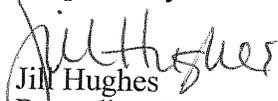
Bills Pending: The Commission signed off on a bills payable for the legal notice that was placed in the Berkshire Record.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening, *P. Stiglin* motioned, with a second from *C. Blackburn* to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The following documents were reviewed during the Board's meeting and have been retained as required by the Massachusetts Public Retention Policy: Meeting Agenda, Sign in sheet, Draft meeting minutes from 8/11/14, RDA application from Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Bills Payable for Berkshire Record and Forest Cutting Plan for Sheffield Water Company.

Respectively submitted by:


Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary