

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 13, 2015
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman
Cheryl Blackburn
Howard Chezar
James Collingwood, Sr.
Peter Stiglin

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

Chairman Don Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Continuation of Public Hearing: Notice of Intent filed by Seaboard Solar for property on Home Road for construction of (1) 1.4 MW solar arrays and (1) 1.46 MW solar array: Jason Dubois from Bertin Engineering was present. Michael Kulig from Berkshire Engineering was also present on behalf of the Conservation Commission. A site visit was conducted earlier in the day with both parties. The Commission discussed the site visit and asked Mr. Dubois to adjust a number of areas where the delineation of the BVW should be, locations of soils borings and BVW Delineation transects should be noted on plans and in the field and staking/flagging of major corners of solar arrays and the ends of the stormwater basins. Another site visit was scheduled for April 27, 2015 @ 5pm.

Michael Kulig reviewed and discussed the March 26, 2015 Peer Review on the proposed project that he did for the Commission. Mr. Kulig went through the points of the document that are listed in red and suggested that Bertin Engineering provide answers for those at the next meeting.

D. Ward motioned, with a second from H. Chezar to continue the public hearing to April 27, 2015 @ 7PM and conduct a site visit for 5PM. The motion passed 5-0.

Continuation Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Lee and Linda Perlman for property on 689 Home Road, proposed project to construct a one room building between the existing house and the pond: Tim Hewins and Steve Seward were present for the applicant. A site visit was conducted earlier in the day. A discussion ensued about wetland jurisdiction and the proposed location of the building. If the applicant wants to place the building in the proposed area then they would need to file a Notice of Intent and the Commission would review it.

H. Chezar motioned, with a second from P. Stiglin to issue a Positive Determination #1 for Lee and Linda Perlman. The motion passed 5-0.

Update on Chase property complaint: The Commission discussed the complaint they received from a neighbor about the work being conducted on the property. The engineer for the owner has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability. The hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2015 @ 7pm. The Commission would like to schedule a site visit with the engineer for April 27, 2015 @ 4pm.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft minutes from their March 3, 2015 and March 9, 2015 meetings. *H. Chezar motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to accept the minutes of March 3, 2015 and March 9, 2015 as written. The motion passed 5-0.*

May Meeting Schedule: There are conflicts with next month's meeting schedule due to the Annual Town Election and the Memorial Day holiday. The Commission decided to hold their meetings on May 13th and May 27th @ 7pm.

Bills Pending: The Commission reviewed and signed a bills payable.

Forest Cutting Plans: There were no plans to review. Chairman Ward asked that the secretary contact Tom Ryan to see if he could attend the meeting May 13th instead of April 27th.

Tracking of Prior Order of Conditions: The Commission reviewed a list of OOC's that the Commission has issued since 2013. All but two recent OOC's have been filed with the Registry of Deeds. A discussion ensued about making this a special condition that the applicant has to file the Order within 30 days.

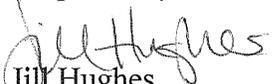
Upcoming Conferences and Mail: The Commission reviewed a public hearing notice for the Planning Board.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening, *H. Chezar motioned, with a second from P. Stiglin to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 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, 3/3/15 and 3/9/15 Draft Meeting Minutes; NOI for Seaboard Solar; RDA for Perlman; List of issued Order of Conditions; Planning Board public hearing notice.

Respectively submitted by:


Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary