

Permit Number _____
Issue Date _____
Extension Date _____

\$35 Fee Paid: _____
BOH OK: _____
ConCom OK: _____

Town of Sheffield Board of Health

Town Hall, 21 Depot Square, 2nd Floor / PO Box 325, Sheffield, MA 01257-0325
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Beaver Conflict Resolution Application and Permit

(Permit fee \$35, which must accompany this application.)

This permit is not transferable and is good for 10 consecutive days.)

A problem caused by a furbearing mammal(s) exists on the property of:

Property Owner _____ Lot, Block & Map # _____

Site Address _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Is the problem entirely on this/your property? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

If no, all property owners must consent; please attached copy of this form for all owners.

Other Property Owners _____

Trapper or Consultant _____ License # _____

Type of Complaint/Animal Problem: (check all boxes that apply)

☐ property flooding ☐ septic system flooding ☐ road flooding ☐ tree damage ☐ private well threat

☐ culvert blockage ☐ flooding of cropland ☐ public water supply

Animal Problem (Species and damage, if not stated above): _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Response: ☐ Site Inspection ☐ Referred: to DEP (water supply) ☐ to DFW ☐ to ConCom

Comments: _____

Date _____ by _____ Recommendation: _____

Conservation Commission Emergency Certification

(Required for breaching dam or installation of water flow devices)

Permission to breach dam _____

Permission to employ water flow devices _____

Approved by Town of Sheffield Conservation Commission _____ Date _____

10-Day Emergency Beaver Permit

In accordance with and pursuant to provisions contained in Chapter 131 MGL Section 40, 80A and 321 CMR 2.08 and 10, the applicant and agent may immediately remedy the threat to human health and safety by:

☐ Use of Conibear or Cage Traps ☐ Breaching of Dams ☐ Installing Water Flow Device

Conditions of Permit: Any disturbance within a wetland, such as breaching a dam or the installation of a water leveling device, shall only be performed with the permission of the Conservation Commission. Breaching of dams requires a plan to prevent sudden flooding down stream. This permit does not allow applicant or agent to trespass on private property. See attached Trapping Regulations. A copy of this permit should be carried on the person doing the work. **Contractor or Trapper must provide written report of work done to the Town of Sheffield Board of Health.**

Other Conditions: _____

Approved by Sheffield BOH _____ Date _____

10-Day Emergency Beaver Permit Extension

In accordance with and pursuant to provisions contained in chapter 131 of MGL section 40, 80A, and 321 CMR 2.08 and 10 (Wetlands Protection Act), while awaiting a 30-day extension emergency permit from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, applicant may continue to alleviate the emergency as noted above for ten consecutive days.

Approved by Sheffield BOH _____ Date _____

This permit is valid for 10 consecutive days from the date of the final Board of Health signature.

Board of Health Official's Name: _____

Board of Health Official's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

This permit does not allow permittee(s) or their authorized agent(s) to trespass on private property.

This permit or a copy thereof shall be carried on the person of any individual exercising the authority thereof and shall be shown upon request if challenged by any local or state law enforcement officer empowered to enforce the provisions of MGL c. 131.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Trapping Regulations

Permittee(s) may destroy problem furbearing mammals (named above) by means of a body gripping trap or by means of a box or cage type trap including Hancock or Bailey traps for catching beaver. The pan of Hancock and Bailey traps must be submerged in water. Problem furbearing mammals that are captured alive shall be disposed of by destruction in a humane manner. Body gripping traps with a jaw spread of not less than 4 inches and not greater than 7 inches or body gripping traps with a jaw spread of not less than 6 inches and exceeding than 10 inches for the trapping of beaver only, may be used is such traps are completely submerged in water. The placement of traps in reference to the proximity of the beaver lodge or beaver dam is unrestricted, but the disturbance or destruction of the beaver lodge or beaver dam is strictly prohibited unless otherwise authorized.

Permittee(s) taking problem furbearing mammals, on the property of another, by means of a trap shall possess a valid Massachusetts trapping license and traps shall be registered according to MGL c. 131,s. 80.

Said problem furbearing mammals (named above), their carcasses or parts thereof may be retained by the permittee, sold, bartered, or exchanged for consideration during the open regulated harvest season for that species. Sealing of beaver pelts is required. Disposition of all carcasses obtained from the incidental capture of furbearing mammals not authorized by this permit must be surrendered to the District Wildlife Manager of the division of fisheries and Wildlife have jurisdiction in the town where the furbearing mammal was taken.

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Beaver Consultant/Trapper Report Form

Date: _____

Site Address: _____

Owner: _____

Action Taken: _____

Trap Registration #'s _____ # of Beavers Removed: _____

Planned Future Activity: _____

Name of Consultant: _____ License #: _____

Signature of Consultant

Date

Please return this form to the above address within 5 working days of end of permit period.

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Owner Consent Form for Beaver Resolution

I, _____, as owner of the property at
Name (please print)

Street address and Assessor's Lot, Block & Map # (if map 15 or 16, include Unit #)

consent to allow _____ who is under
Consultant and/or Certified Trapper's Name (please print)

contract with _____
Applicant's Name (please print)

to enter my property for the purpose of installing water level devises and/or trapping and removing beavers that are causing a threat to public health and safety as determined by the Town of Sheffield Board of Health. I understand that any water level control measures or alteration to wetland or beaver structures will also require permitting through the Town's Conservation Commission.

Signature

Date