

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
Wednesday, June 13, 2012
TOWN HALL – 1ST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David A. Smith Sr.
James T. Collingwood Jr.
Peter Cherneff

Board Members Absent: Margaret Martin
Maria Nation

Members of the Public Present: Michael Parsons, Kelly Granger & Parsons
Kathy Orlando, Sheffield Land Trust
C. Nicholas Arienti, Attorney for Binney Meigs
Binney Meigs (Horace B. Meigs)
Evan Hardcastle, Builder
Nicholas Andersen, Berkshire Engineering

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): Anne L. Chase & Anne H. Chase FBO George B. Chase

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: Michael Parsons presented 2 checks for \$150 each, a total of \$300 for 2 lots to be separated from land which will be subject to an Agricultural Preservation Restriction.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): Michael Parsons presented 2 plans one representing the farm on the north side of Lime Kiln Road and the other representing the farm on the south side of Lime Kiln Road, Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds Book 1713, page 220 and Book 2091, page 306.

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Michael Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Assoc., Inc.

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: All Board Members present signed the mylars.

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): John Hoyt Stookey and Katherine Emory Stookey

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: Conveying a 10 acre parcel to the Sheffield Land Trust for preservation.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): West side of South Egremont Road, Sheffield, MA. Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds Book 586, page 265.

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Michael Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Assoc., Inc.

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: The Board Members signed the mylar.

Special Permit Application to construct a Craft Person's Shop. Per Zoning Law 3.3.d.5. C. Nicholas Arienti, Attorney representing Binney Meigs (Horace B. Meigs and Katherine Woodhouse) submitted a Special Permit Application and described the project as follows: The proposed Special Permit would be for an artist's sculpture studio on Hulett Hill Road. There will be no employees, one person will work 4-5 hours a day. The site will not be used for delivery of materials. The original application said 1500 square feet, but Mr. Meigs is now planning for 1300 square feet. Even if he adds on in a few years it will not be larger than 2000 square feet. The structure will be one story with a garage door. There will be minimal noise dust etc. There will be a positive impact to the town in that the studio will be a productive business. Mr. Meigs will use an air chisel and air hammer both of which produce less noise than a lawn mower. Diamond cutting saws are a higher pitched sound but would be blocked by the building. Mr. Meigs mostly works with granite less than 3 tons, about the size of a chair. In this small operation the chips are minimal, there is a dust collecting vacuum device. There is no plan for any signage or exterior lighting except a motion sensor light in the parking lot. The art pieces are exhibited around New England and Mr. Meigs delivers them himself. It will not be a retail operation.

David Smith Sr. stated that the Planning Board is accepting the Special Permit Application and the \$250 application fee. The Planning Board will set up a Public Hearing on this Special Permit Application for Wednesday, July 11, at 7:30.

Minutes: The Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting because only 2 Board Members present today were at the May 23 meeting.

Mail: Notice of Decision was reviewed from the Town of South Egremont for a cell tower on Nicholson Road.

Adjournment: James Collingwood made a motion to close this Regular Planning Board Meeting, seconded by Peter Cherneff. All Board members voted in favor of the motion.

At 8:02 PM the Planning Board adjourned their regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board