

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 8, 2019
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Donald Ward, III, Chairman
Theodore Pitman
Martin Mitsoff
Arthur Batacchi, Jr.

Commission Members Not Present: Cheryl Blackburn

Others Present: Renee LeClair, Recording Secretary
Members of the public (see sign in sheet)

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ligas Enforcement Order 1448 South Undermountain Rd Update: Chairman Ward read an email from Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates. At this time the soil assessments have not been completed. The update on this matter will be continued to the next meeting on April 22, 2019. *T. Pitman motioned, with a second from M. Mitsoff to continue the update to the April 22, 2019 meeting. The motion passed 4-0.*

Order of Conditions for Mill Pond: Chairman Ward read an email from Meghan Stewart Regional Administrator from Solitude Lake Management. Solitude Lake Management sent a request for an extension on the current Order of Conditions for their client, Mill Pond Association, which is scheduled to expire on June 23, 2019 along with the permit from 2017 that includes the list of chemicals which they may or may not use for treatment. Solitude Lake Management did not treat the pond in 2018. Douglas and Honor Schnurr Blume were in attendance as representatives of the owner of Mill Pond, Judy Schnurr. Chairman Ward invited them to speak about their concerns for Mill Pond. A discussion ensued. Chairman Ward asked that the clerk format a letter to Solitude Lake Management's client, Mill Pond Associates, informing them that the Commission will not be taking any action on the requested extension at this time. Mrs. Blume asked the Commission what they require from them to use the Eco Harvester to perform maintenance on Mill Pond. A discussion ensued. Chairman Ward asked the clerk to contact Mark Stinson, MassDEP about the use of an Eco Harvester and if the owners would be required to file a Notice of Intent. Chairman Ward asked that the owner write a letter to the Commission expressing their concerns in writing. Chairman Ward stated that it would good to have a record of this in the Commissions file for Mill Pond. A discussion ensued *M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from A. Batacchi Jr. to postpone any decision on the request for an extension from Mill Pond Association - Solitude Lake Management. The motion passed 4-0.*

Order of Conditions for Fawn Lake: Chairman Ward read an email from Meghan Stewart Regional Administrator from Solitude Lake Management. Solitude Lake Management sent a request for an extension on the current Order of Conditions for their client, Richardson Residence, which is scheduled to expire on June 8, 2019 along with the original Notice of Intent that includes the list of chemicals that will be used for treatment. Discussion ensued.

Order of Conditions for McCain Pond: Chairman Ward read an email from Meghan Stewart Regional Administrator from Solitude Lake Management. Solitude Lake Management sent a request for an extension on the current Order of Conditions for their client, Wesley McCain, which is scheduled to expire on June 14, 2019 along with the permit from 2018 that includes the list of chemicals that may or may not be used for treatment. A discussion ensued. *M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from A. Batacchi Jr. that the request for extension from Solitude Lake Management on the Order of Conditions for McCain Pond and Fawn Lake be continued pending further information from the Department of Environmental Protection and the clients/owners of Solitude Lake Management. The motion passed 4-0.*

May Meeting Schedule: A discussion ensued. *T.Pitman motioned with a second from A. Batacchi Jr. to have one meeting on May 20th due to the election and Town Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.*

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: Chairman Ward read the email correspondence between Tom Ryan, from Department of Conservation Recourses and the clerk after she received a resident complaint. Mr. Ryan contacted the contractor to contact the logger to shut the job down and submit a new plan. The contractor apologized for his error.

Chairman Ward mentioned that he had a conversation with a resident before the meeting tonight regarding the Ligas property. Chairman Ward invited the resident to attend tonight's meeting however the resident did not want to attend the meeting. A discussion ensued. Chairman Ward explained to the resident that he can stay informed by reading the minutes and contacting clerk or himself as needed.

Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2019: A discussion ensued. *T.Pitman motioned with a second from M. Mitsoff to accept March 11, 2019 the minutes as written. The motion passed 4-0.*

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: Chairman Ward mentioned that there are a series of webinars available on the MACC site and asked the clerk to print the information. A discussion ensued.

M. Mitsoff explained to the Commission that he attended the March 11, 2019 Board of Health meeting to clarify that he is not a member of the Board of Health.

The Commission reviewed the following:

- Housatonic Railroad Company 2019 Vegetation Control Program dated April 1, 2019 from TEC Associates.

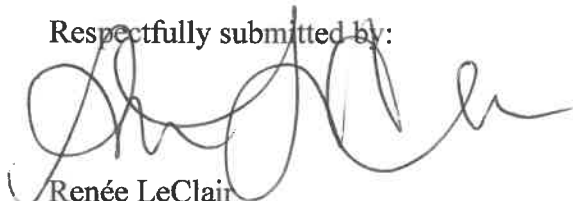
Public Inquiries: No public inquiries.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening. *M.Mitsoff motioned, with a second from A.Batacchi to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The following documents were reviewed during the Commission's meeting and have been retained as required by the Massachusetts Public Retention Policy: Meeting agenda, Sign In Sheet, 3/11/2019 meeting minutes, Request for renewal of Order of Conditions for Fawn Lake, Mill Pond, and McCain Pond, Housatonic Railroad Company 2019 Vegetation Control Program dated April 1, 2019 from TEC Associates, Email correspondence from Tom Ryan, Service Forester for DCR, Email correspondence from Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates.

Respectfully submitted by:



Renée LeClair
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: April 8, 2019

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