

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 22, 2019
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Donald Ward, III, Chairman
Theodore Pitman
Martin Mitsoff
Cheryl Blackburn

Commission Members Not Present: Arthur Batacchi, Jr.

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.

Ms. Sarah Williams, Treasurer of Mill Pond Conservation Association to discuss Mill Pond: Chairman Ward began by setting some rules for this agenda item before opening discussion. He stated that the Commission will only be addressing conservation matters this evening. He stated that if there are other matters not pertaining to conservation that they should be discussed elsewhere.

Ms. Williams, speaking on behalf of the Mill Pond Conservation Association, explained that they are present to share the certificate of analysis for the water and sediment testing that was completed on June 21, 2018. The Association has also been working with the DEP in hopes that they can be placed on their list for fish testing.

Chairman Ward asked Ms. Williams to share a brief history on the pond. Ms. Williams explained that Mill Pond has been treated for fourteen consecutive summers until 2018 when apparently there was a staff change with Solitude Lake Management, and as a result the company failed to reach out to the owners for permission to access Mill Pond. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Ward said as a Commission we would like to help in any way we can and that we are able to offer contacts and other resources. Ms. Williams stated that it is obvious that everyone here tonight cares about Mill Pond and the Association would like permission to treat the pond.

Chairman Ward explained that it is not in the Commissions jurisdiction to sort out the legalities of ownership and explained that the next step would be to submit a Notice of Intent. Chairman Ward determined that Mill Pond would require a standard Notice of Intent since the pond is not in an ACEC area. Discussion continued.

At 7:43pm the public excluding the Blume's got up from their seats to leave. After a few minutes had past Chairman Ward stated to the public that the Commission will need to move on with the meeting. After the room cleared the Commission moved onto the next agenda item.

Order of Conditions for McCain Pond: Chairman Ward reviewed an email from Meghan Stewart Regional Administrator from Solitude Lake Management that included a signed contract from the owner, Wesley McCain, for the Commission to review. A discussion ensued. *C. Blackburn motioned with a second from T. Pitman to continue to the discussion on the request for extension from Solitude Lake Management for the Order of Conditions on McCain Pond to the May 20, 2019 meeting. The motion passed 4-0.*

Chairman Ward asked the clerk to contact Solitude Lake Management and invite them to the May 20, 2019 meeting to discuss both requests for extensions on the Order of Conditions for McCain Pond and Fawn Lake.

Ligas Enforcement Order 1448 South Undermountain Rd Update: Chairman Ward read an email from Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates. The soil assessments still have not been completed. Chairman Ward explained that he spoke with Berkshire Engineering and will follow up with them again this week. A discussion ensued. The update on this matter will be continued to the next meeting on May 20, 2019. *T. Pitman motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to continue the update to the May 20, 2019 meeting. The motion passed 4-0.*

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: Chairman Ward reviewed a forest cutting plan. A discussion ensued. It was determined that this copy was sent to the Commission by the landowner. The Commission decided that they would await the next copy that the forester has review and signed by Tom Ryan.

Chairman Ward asked the clerk to send Thomas Ryan an email letting him know that we received a copy from the landowner.

Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2019: A discussion ensued. *T. Pitman motioned with a second from M. Mitsoff to accept April 8, 2019 the minutes as written. The motion passed 3-0. Cheryl abstained from the vote.*

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: The clerk asked the Commission if they noticed the email that was sent with the link to all of MACC webinars and upcoming events. M. Mitsoff mentioned that there was an email asking for support that the Commission received. That talked about writing a letter support new legislation in support of conservation of lands no net loss bill. A discussion ensued.

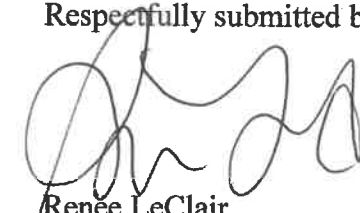
Public Inquiries: Doug and Honor Blume thanked Chairman Ward and the Commission for their time and for handling the situation so calmly.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 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, 4/8/2019 meeting minutes, Request for renewal of Order of Conditions for McCain Pond, Forest Cutting Plan received 4/16/2019, Email correspondence from Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates, Documents submitted to the Conservation Commission from Mill Pond Association (MPCA water and sediment testing test results and application for fish testing from DEP)

Respectfully submitted by:



Renee LeClair
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: April 22, 2019

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