

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 24, 2019
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

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

Continued Public Hearing: Notice of Intent Application, filed by Douglas & Honor Blume. The proposed project consists of using a machine (Eco Harvester) to pull and skim weeds in Mill Pond. The purpose is to extract invasive weed species and in so doing improve the quality of the pond. Chairman Ward explained to Douglas & Honor Blume that the clerk did speak with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife today and they are in the process of reviewing the Notice of Intent. Chairman Ward had hoped that an opinion would have come in by this evening but we have not heard back from them. A discussion ensued. **C. Blackburn motioned with a second from M. Mitsoff to continue the public hearing until the next meeting on July 8, 2019. The motion passed 4-0.**

Art Batacchi Jr. entered the meeting room at 7:05 pm.

Public Inquiries: Sandra Preston a real estate agent in the area has a client that is selling their house with an existing dock on Trout Pond that has been said to be in place for over fifty years. A discussion ensued. Chairman Ward asked that the clerk contact Mark Stinson Circuit Rider for the Department of Environmental Protection to clarify if the dock will be grandfathered or if a Request for Determination of Applicability would be required. Chairman Ward explained to Ms. Preston that the owners may need to complete a request for determination in order for the dock to be recognized at the sale of the property. A discussion ensued. The clerk will be in touch with Ms. Preston once we have an answer from Mark Stinson.

Discussion and possible action on 992 Foley Road is in compliance with enforcement order: M. Mitsoff reviewed email correspondence from Jim Panichella and Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates regarding an open enforcement order on 992 Foley Rd. Jim has requested a certificate of compliance from the Commission. Emily has instructed the commission that a site visit is needed to ensure that the area is compliance however a certificate of compliance is not necessary only a letter signed by the Commission releasing the enforcement order. A discussion ensued. Chairman Ward asked that a clerk to send an email to Emily stating that the Commission had visited the site and they have questions. First question, what erosion control measures are being used? Second question, are the owners in compliance with the timeline for mowing? The Commission noticed that there were many disturbed turtle eggs on the mowed pathway. Third question, does the owner have a good understanding of the specifications suggested in Natural Heritage

& Endangered Species Program File # 10-2933 of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife guidelines?

Continued Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jen Recline. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information regarding the proposed project: Installation of a 20ft by 40ft pool to be located at the west end of the property. Chairman Ward and the Commission reviewed the map that Bob Johnston, the representative for the applicant, left with the clerk earlier that week. Bob Johnston was not present at the meeting this evening. A discussion ensued. *T. Pitman motioned with a second from C. Blackburn that we have a negative determination on the request with the condition of moving pool and utility slab easterly 25 ft in order to provide a construction free zone of 50ft between Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) & pool. The motion passed 5-0.*

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: No forest cutting plans to review.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed the minutes from May 20, 2019. *T. Pitman motioned with a second from A. Batacchi Jr. to accept the May 20, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed 5-0.*

The Commission reviewed the minutes from June 10, 2019. *M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from T. Pitman to accept the June 10, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed 5-0.*

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: No mail to review.

The Commission reviewed the following: No mail to review.

Chairman Ward opened discussion on possible appointment of a Vice Chairman. A discussion ensued. *M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from C. Blackburn to appoint Theodore Pitman as the Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission effective immediately. The motion passed 5-0.*

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening. *A. Batacchi Jr. motioned, with a second from M. Mitsoff to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 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, Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2019, May 20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted


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Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: June 24, 2019

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