

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

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

Commission Members Not Present: Arthur Batacchi, Jr

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

T. Pitman, Vice Chairman called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Reorganization: Being that there were only three members present at this time it was decided that reorganization would be tabled until the next meeting. ***M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from C. Blackburn to table reorganization of the Commission. The motion passed 3-0.***

Chairman Ward entered the meeting room at 7:07 pm.

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. A discussion ensued. The abutters will be notified as required by the applicant. ***M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from C. Blackburn to continue the public hearing until the next meeting on July 22, 2019. The motion passed 4-0.***

Discussion and possible action on request for a driveway extension for Margolis at 1296 Ashley Falls Road. Chairman Ward reviewed email correspondence from Emily Stockman of Stockman associates with the Commission. The email states that the resident requesting the driveway extension will not be able to attend tonight's meeting and requested that the discussion be moved to the August 12, 2019 meeting. The clerk will include this in the August 12, 2019 meetings agenda.

Reorganization: Chairman Ward opened the discussion to reorganize. A discussion ensued. ***M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from C. Blackburn nominate Theodore Pitman as Chairman of the Sheffield Conservation Commission. The motion passed 3-0 T.Pitman abstained from the vote.***

M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from C. Blackburn to nominate Donald Ward, III, as Vice Chairman of the Sheffield Conservation Commission. The motion passed 3-0 D.Ward abstained from the vote.

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

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed the minutes from June 24, 2019. ***C. Blackburn motioned with a second from Chairman Pitman to accept the June 24, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed 4-0***

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: T. Pitman reviewed the mail. The mail included a MACC Buffer Zone Guidebook that was added to the Conservation Commission Library in the conference room for public use.

The Commission reviewed the following:

MACC Buffer Zone Guidebook received on July 8, 2019
Arthur Batacchi, Jr's appointment letter dated June 24, 2019 from Selectman
Email Correspondence from Emily Stockman dated July 8, 2019

M. Mitsoff mentioned an email that was sent to the Commission this afternoon from the clerk regarding a Water Quality Restoration Grant. A discussion ensued. M. Mitsoff will be researching further.

Public Inquiries: D. Ward reviewed the calls that he received this week. The first call was regarding the old Sunrise Diner on 700 S Main St and the wetlands on that property. He has a voicemail from the owner of this property. When he speaks with the owner he will tell him it would be in their best interest to hire a wetland consultant. D. Ward also spoke with Jon Piasecki regarding a property on Kellogg Rd. and suggested that he submit an RDA before moving forward. A discussion ensued. D. Ward asked that the clerk make a list of three engineers and three environmental consultants to distribute to residents as needed. A discussion ensued. However, the list must include a disclaimer that this is not an endorsement only a starting off point for them. A discussion ensued. **M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from C. Blackburn to allow the clerk to order business cards. The motion passed 4-0**

C. Blackburn asked the Commission if they would like to make an appearance at the Berkshire Regional Planning Committee Meeting Dinner on September 19, 2019. A discussion ensued. D. Ward reminded the clerk that the Woodland Magazine subscription was going to expire soon and to renew with the new fiscal year budget.

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 7:51 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 24, 2019, MACC Buffer Zone Guidebook, Arthur Batacchi, Jr's appointment letter dated June 24, 2019, Email Correspondence from Emily Stockman

Respectfully submitted,



Renée LeClair
Commission Clerk

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: July 8, 2019

PLEASE PRINT: Your Name

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2. DAVID & HARRY BUNN 124 COOK RD. SHEFFIELD
3. Ann Weinstein 184 Bow Wow Sheffield
4. MARJORIE/BILL LEVIN 570 Bow Wow ROAD SHER
5. Robin Kriesberg 322 Bow Wow
6. Gary Williams 340 Bow Wow
7. Sandra Preston 375 County Rd.
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