

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019  
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
7:00 PM**

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

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

Commission Members Not Present: Martin Mitsoff  
Arthur Batacchi, Jr

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

**Request for Determination of Applicability: filed by Dan and Michelle Lowe for property on 104 Maple Ave, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, sec. 40. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information regarding the proposed project, the construction of new septic system to replace existing Title 5 non-compliant system. The public hearing notice was read aloud by T. Pitman to open the hearing. Brent White introduced himself and explained the proposed project. The reason for the request is because the owner of this property would like to install an in ground upgraded system and it is within the buffer zone. The plan has been approved by the Board of Health. A discussion ensued. *D.Ward motioned, with a second from C.Blackburn to issue a negative determination for the property on 104 Maple Ave. The motion passed 3-0.***

**Request for Determination of Applicability: filed by White Engineering Inc. for property on Rannapo Rd, Sheffield, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, sec. 40. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information regarding the proposed project: Construction of a garage on north side of house. Garage will be constructed greater than 50 ft. from the Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Driveway surface will be gravel. Silt fence will serve as the limit of work area and tree removal. The public hearing notice was read aloud by T. Pitman to open the hearing. Brent White explained that the garage will be used for storage. This project is also in the buffer zone. Brent also mentioned that they are also seeking an approval from the National Heritage and Endangered Species Program, specifically the MESA office as there has been priority habitat identified on this property. Brent provided a copy of a Bur Oak survey that had been requested by MESA. A discussion ensued. *T.Pitman motioned, with a second from C.Blackburn to issue a negative determination for the property on Rannapo Rd subject to Natural Heritage & Endanger Species Programs approval by submitting a letter stating that there will be no take involved. The motion passed 3-0.***

**Discussion and possible action regarding enforcement order for property at 1448 South Undermountain Rd. D.Ward gave a summary of where the Commission left off with Berkshire Engineering at the last meeting. During the last meeting Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates, made suggestions for revisions on the plan that had been presented by Berkshire Engineering for this property. Berkshire Engineering stated that they had not received any comments from the State entities involved in this project as of today's date via email. A discussion ensued.**

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The Commission reviewed the draft meeting minutes from September 9, 2019. *C. Blackburn motioned with a second from D. Ward to accept the September 9, 2019 minutes as written.*

**Upcoming Conferences and Mail:** Don Ward mentioned that he may be attending the LAPA meeting on October 5, 2019. All members are hoping they will be able to attend the MACC meeting on October 19, 2019.

**Public Inquiries:** No public comment.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Commission this evening. *D. Ward motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 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, Draft Meeting Minutes, Request for Determination of Applicability for Rannapo Rd and 460 S Main St.

Respectfully submitted,



Renée LeClair  
Conservation Commission Clerk

## Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: September 23, 2019

PLEASE PRINT: Your Name

Street, Town

1. Michelle Lowe 208 Bears Den Rd, Sheffield
2. Ben White 55 S. Main St. Pittsfield, MA
3. Rene Wendell (TNC) 66 Sheffield St, Pittsfield MA
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