

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

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

Commission Members Not Present: Cheryl Blackburn

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

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

Chairman Pitman made adjustments to the order of the agenda.

Continued Public Hearing: Notice of Intent Application, filed by SWCA Environmental Consultants for property on Bow Wow Road / Mill Pond, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, sec. 40. The proposed project is being filed in order to renew a permit for the continued maintenance of Mill Pond, this maintenance includes invasive and nuisance aquatic vegetation management to improve the ecological health of the pond. Chairman Pitman welcomed back Sarah Williams from the Mill Pond Association. Sarah respectfully asked for another continuance due to delays of the projects review from Natural Heritage. **M. Mitsoff motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to continue the public hearing for the Notice of Intent submitted by SWCA Environmental Consultants for the property on Bow Wow Road / Mill Pond to the March 9, 2020 meeting.**

Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Berkshire Soil & Water for property located at 290 Bow Wow Road, 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: M. Mitsoff gave a description of the site. **M. Mitsoff motioned, with a second from T. Pitman, issuing a #3 negative determination with the condition that the septic installer follow through with the described erosion controls on the site sketch in the request.**

Request for Certificate of Compliance for 290 Bow Wow Road: M. Mitsoff gave a description of the site. A discussion ensued regarding the work that had been done in the past and it how the quality work has sustained itself for many years. **M. Mitsoff motioned, with a second from T. Pitman, to approve the certificate of compliance for 290 Bow Wow Road.**

Continued Public Hearing: 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 60 ft. from the Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Garage will be 26' x 22' in size. During construction, erosion control silt fence will be installed 15ft of the excavation limits, between the excavation and the wetland. At the completion of work all disturbed soils will be seeded and mulched. Driveway surface will be gravel. Silt fence will serve as the limit of work area and tree removal. M. Mitsoff gave a description of the site and stated that the project is even farther from the wetlands than the applicant's original request. **M. Mitsoff motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to issue a #2 negative determination for the nine acre parcel on Rannapo Road known as the Annunziata property, with the condition that they follow through with the described erosion controls listed on the site sketch in their request.**

Request for Certificate of Compliance for 394 Berkshire School Road. A discussion ensued regarding the information provided by the applicant and the site visit made today. **D. Ward motioned, with a second M. Mitsoff to continue this matter to the March 9, 2020 meeting, pending the availability of the missing documentation.**

Enforcement Order: 1448 South Undermountain Road. The Commission reviewed the email correspondence from Emily Stockman. The Commissions understanding is that the plans have been submitted. A discussion ensued regarding what will happen next. The Commission decided that they will ask Emily Stockman to follow up with the engineer Mike Kulig and Natural Heritage for updates on their progress.

Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2020: The Commission reviewed the draft meeting minutes from January 13, 2020. **A. Batacchi Jr. motioned with a second from M. Mitsoff to accept the January 13, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion passed 4-0.**

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: The Commission reviewed and discussed Forest Cutting Plans: Two Plans from, Joseph Zorzin - Abbott C. Combes III, Trustee of Abbott C. Combes Family Trust for Berkshire School Road
Robert Beham - Janet Stanton - Hewins Street & Shunpike Road
James Wilson Kelly - Louis T. Aragi Jr. & Sr. - Route 7
David Beers - Ed and Peter Jones - Brush Hill Road

D. Ward explained the process up to the Commission receiving a forest cutting plan. A discussion ensued regarding forest cutting plans near the wetlands.

Commission Member Items: M. Mitsoff opened the discussion on rescheduling the Scenic Mountain act working meeting. It was decided that the clerk would check with C. Blackburn to see if the 27th or the 28th of February would work better for her then proceed with posting the meeting as all other members can make both of these dates work for 4 o'clock. A discussion ensued regarding Town Meeting.

The Commission reviewed emails sent by DEP Circuit Rider, Mark Stinson regarding, The Rest of River Settlement. M. Mitsoff spoke regarding The Rest of River group is comprised of five towns Stockbridge, Lee, Lenox, Great Barrington and Sheffield has working in a mediation scenario with the USCPA and GE to come up with a plan to remediate PCB's as much as possible from GE's Housatonic pollution. A dedicated group that included our Selectman Rene Wood have worked together to come to an agreement. A discussion ensued.

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

Chairman Pitman adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Renée LeClair
Conservation Commission Clerk

Documents reviewed at the meeting:

Draft 1/13/2020 meeting minutes

Request for Determination of Applicability, for property on 290 Bow Wow Road, Sheffield

Request for Determination of Applicability, for property on Rannapo Rd, Sheffield

Notice of Intent Application, for property on Bow Wow Road / Mill Pond

Email Correspondence from Mark Stinson

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Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: February 10, 2020

PLEASE PRINT: Your Name

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2. Regina King 187 COOK RD
3. Scott McFarland 156 Christenhill Rd, Gt. Barrington
4. Douglas + Heidi Blume 92 Cook Rd
5. Lori Robbins 290 Bow Wow Rd
6. Sari Hoy 60 Main St
7. Sarah Williams 340 Bow Wow
8. Marilyn Hightmore 368 Bow Wow
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