

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 12, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING
7:10 PM**

Commission Members Present: Ted Pitman, Chairman
 Don Ward, III, Vice Chairman
 Arthur Batacchi, Jr.
 Cheryl Blackburn
 Martin Mitsoff

Others Present: Elizabeth Goodman; Martha Jackson,
 Doug Blume, Sarah Williams, Jim Kelly

Chairman Pitman called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

The Commission received a request for continuation of the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent Application, filed by SWCA Environmental Consultants, for property on Bow Wow Road / Mill Pond. Applicant stated they have not received conclusions from MA DEP and MESA. T. Pitman made motion made and seconded by C. Blackburn to continue this Public Hearing to June 9, with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jim Kelly for property on County Road. Mr. Kelly discussed the approved forest cutting plan and his plan for habitat creation. Discussion ensued regarding the extension of habitat creation to a one-acre parcel outside of the forest cutting plan that is designated as a wetlands resource area, and that a Notification of Intent would be appropriate to address that resource area. A. Batacchi motion was made, seconded by M. Mitsoff, to table a decision until May 26, enabling discussions between forester Tom Ryan and Mark Stinson, with a unanimous vote approving the motion.

The Commission then discussed requests for extension of permits for Fawn Lake and McCain Pond for continued maintenance of invasive and nuisance aquatic vegetation measures. A. Batacchi motioned to grant one-year extensions, seconded by T. Pitman; motion passed with four ayes and one nay by D. Ward.

Commission discussed possible wetlands violations on Frederic Lane and Berkshire School Road, with consideration of letters drafted for the Commission to be sent to associated property owners. A. Batacchi motioned to approve and send letter to Frederic Lane owner, seconded by C. Blackburn; motion passed unanimously. M. Mitsoff motioned to approve and send letter to Berkshire School Road owner, seconded by C. Blackburn; motion passed with four votes and one abstension by A. Batacchi.

T. Pitman then discussed emergency permit executed for work at 814 Bow Wow Road regarding electrical transformer accident and pollution remediation measures associated with cleanup. J. Hughes to leave permit for ratification by members of the Commission.

The Commission then discussed encroachment activities of abutter to The Nature Conservancy's Shmulsky Tract on Lower Barnum Street. Action was tabled until May 26 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding action on Disapproved Cutting Plan for BCWC LLC (dba Nova Farms) on Kellogg Road. Action was tabled until May 26 meeting.

Commission then discussed possible action on Enforcement Order for 1448 South Undermountain Road. D. Ward to contact Emily Stockman to learn any developments, with action tabled until May 26 meeting.

Next Meetings: May 26 and June 8, 2020, with T. Pitman to notify parties concerning Bow Wow Road / Mill Pond of revision of tentative next meeting on June 9 (see above) to June 8.

Commission reviewed minutes from April 27, 2020 meeting. Motion was made by M. Mitsoff, seconded by C. Blackburn, with unanimous approval.

Forest cutting plans: None.

Motion to Adjourn made at [8:43 PM] by C. Blackburn and seconded by M. Mitsoff, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by:

Martin Mitsoff
Member, Sheffield Conservation Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Mitsoff', is written over the printed name and title.

Documents reviewed at meeting:
Forest cutting plans and RDA / Blue Bird Hill LLC
Draft notification letters / Frederic Lane and SBRSD

Draft meeting minutes from April 27, 2020