

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 26, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING
7:00 PM**

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

Others Present: Bob Kilmer, Mike McDonald, Brett Kaminski,
 Todd Driscoll

Chairman Pitman called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

The Commission was presented with an overview by applicant BVD Solar representatives of its project at 560 South Main Street. Due to a misinterpretation of the project by the Sheffield building inspector, a building permit was issued to enable the application of solar panels on the Berkshire Fence building; the project, however, included the construction of a carport area with solar arrays in protected wetlands area for which the Commission had not been notified by the building inspector. The Commission was then asked by the applicant to withdraw their RDA and for an enforcement order that will enable the applicant, at the Commission's direction, to undertake a BVW resource area delineation, identify wetlands soils in recently constructed earthen berms, and move such areas to restore the BVW. Applicant's wetland scientist will draft an order of conditions for the enforcement order. D. Ward instructed applicant to include identification of erosion control measures and to include plantings that mimic existing vegetation, with the berm becoming part of the wetlands buffer zone. Enforcement order to be drafted for T. Pitman execution to be ratified by Commission in next meeting.

The Commission reviewed the status of the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jim Kelly for property on County Road. To the Commission members' knowledge, the discussion sought between Tom Riley and Mark Stinson had not happened. T. Pitman offered to call Tom Ryan to set up discussion. C. Blackburn motioned to continue this matter to the next meeting, seconded by A. Batacchi; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission tabled the consideration of encroachment on the TNC Shmulsky tract; the disapproved cutting plan for BCWC LLC; and the enforcement order for 1448 S. Undermountain Road until the next meeting.

Board reviewed minutes from May 12, 2020 meeting. Motion was made by C. Blackburn, seconded by A. Batacchi, with unanimous approval.

Forest cutting plans: None.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2020

Motion to Adjourn made at 7:35 PM by C. Blackburn and seconded by M. Mitsoff,
with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by:



Martin Mitsoff
Member, Sheffield Conservation Commission

Documents reviewed at meeting:

RDA and initial building permit for BVD Solar

RDA and forest cutting plan for Bluebird Hill Development LLC

Draft meeting minutes from May 12, 2020