

**Town of Sheffield
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 8, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING
7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present:	Ted Pitman, Chairman Arthur Batacchi, Jr., Don Ward Martin Mitsoff Cheryl Blackburn
Others Present:	Lori Neil, Administrative Assistant Sarah Williams Casey Meade Rothstein Fitzpatrick Mike Parsons Members of the Public

Chairman Pitman called the Conservation Commission meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Chairman Pitman began with a continuation of a Public Hearing Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Price Realty Trust for property located at County Road, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information regarding the proposed project: to approve wetland delineations. The boundary delineations of the resource areas described on the referenced plan(s) are accurate. A motion was made to make a Positive Determination based on Section B, 2A, with the caveat that the Commission is not approving any development of the site at this stage. Chairman Pitman seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Cheryl Blackburn entered the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Public Hearing Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Mary Ann Dornan for property at 128 Rannapo Road in accordance with provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 131, Sec. 40. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information regarding the proposed project: Direction drill 2: deep under wetland area along side of driveway to install conduit for cable high speed internet. Willie Wilkinson of gave an overview of the work to be completed. D. Ward mentioned he knows the location and has seen the stake where they will be entering the ground. Chairman Pitman stated it seems like the work is minor in nature and would probably impact the wetlands by a minimal amount. M. Mitsoff stated he has reviewed the wetlands for this property and cannot identify the wetlands associated with this specific area where the conduit is going to be. D. Ward made a motion for a Negative Determination under number three, with the condition that

the land owner to complete the work from stake to stake as proposed. Chairman Pitman seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0 with M. Mitsoff abstaining from the vote.

Public Hearing Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Janet Elizabeth Chase Nominee Realty Trust for property at 371 Berkshire School Road 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: Septic System Upgrade. Mike Parsons gave an overview of the work described. Martin stated he has looked at the resources on this parcel. It is a septic system replacement. It does not impact wetland resources. It is an ACEC designated site. M. Mitsoff stated the Commissions remit is the Wetland Protection Act and does not see an issue. Martin made a motion for a Negative Determination, under number two, the work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Cheryl Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion/Possible Action on Enforcement Order for 1448 South Undermountain Road. The National Heritage persons are sharing all information with Emily Stockman regarding endangered species. The Commission tabled the matter until they hear back from Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates.

Discussion/Possible Action on Enforcement Order for 854 and 864 South Undermountain Road. An email was sent to the land owners and their lawyer. Casey Meade Rothstein Fitzpatrick gave an update and stated he will have a full comprehensive plan for the wetlands restoration in response to the Enforcement Order at the next Conservation Commission meeting.

Discussion on Scenic Mountain Act. The various delineations were sent to the Commission members. M. Mitsoff mentioned to the Commission to consider having a Special Meeting strictly focused on pushing forward the Scenic Mountain Act legislation including the talk of the elevations and of how to bring this forward to the public. The Commission decided to have a Special Meeting on February 22, 2021. Chairman Pitman made a motion to have a Special Meeting on February 22, 2021 to discuss the Scenic Mountain Act. C. Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion of 1375 North Main Street - A. Batacchi stated his concerns of the outdoor storage possibly in the floodplain area and suggested a site-visit. A. Batacchi will assist Chairman Pitman in writing a letter to request a site visit. Chairman Pitman will set up a draft letter and send it to Art first and then to the rest of the commission for a final edit.

A. Batacchi made a request to have packets printed out for the Conservation Commission. Other members spoke up. It was decided that two packets will be printed, one packet for C. Blackburn and one for A. Batacchi. The packets will be left on the table by the front door for pick up. D. Ward requested having the minutes and the agenda sent together and separate from all other documents.

Approval of Minutes –The Commission reviewed draft meeting minutes from January 11, 2021. M. Mitsoff made a motion to approve the minutes with a couple modifications. Chairman Pitman seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0 with C. Blackburn abstaining from the vote.

Review of Forest Cutting Plans – The plans were reviewed with no issues.

Public Inquiries – Sarah Williams spoke. She wanted to be sure the minutes of January 11, 2021 were approved so she could go to the registry for her permit.

A. Batacchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Mitsoff seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Neil

Administrative Assistant

Documents reviewed at this meeting:

RDA (2)

Maps with various delineations

Draft Meeting Minutes