

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MARCH 12, 2018
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Donald Ward, III, Chairman
Arthur Batacchi, Jr.
Cheryl Blackburn
Theodore Pitman

Others Present: Jill Hughes, Clerk
Members of the public (see sign in sheet)

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Century Acquisition, Inc. for property on 49 Clayton Road. The proposed project is for improvements to an existing quarry road. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Bob Fournier from SK Design Group was present along with Joe Brennan from Century Acquisition. Mr. Fournier gave a brief history on the property. He explained that Century Acquisition received a letter from a watchdog environmental group, who has been identifying industrial sites near waterways to make sure that they have a storm water management plan in place. Century has a storm water management plan from 2003. Mr. Fournier explained that the site is unique because all of the storm water is self-contained and drains into a large pond on the property. He stated that there has never been discharge from the site into the Konkapot River while Century has operated this facility.

A. Batacchi, Jr. entered the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Mr. Fournier stated that they walked the entire perimeter of the property and found no discharge from the site except that a small area where the quarry road is located required maintenance. The road is now lower in elevation and needs to be regraded so that water will runoff into the pond on the property. They will install drainage work so they are in compliance with the storm water management plan. The area is in the buffer zone, riverfront and Endangered Species. The Commission reviewed the letter dated February 22, 2018 from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, which states that the project will not adversely affect the area. A discussion ensued about the project. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to issue a Negative Determination #2. The motion passed 4-0.**

Extension Request for Mill Pond Order of Conditions (DEP #281-0173)

Josh Perry from Solitude Lake Management was present to discuss the request and the aquatic management plan for the pond. Mr. Perry explained that in the past they had trouble gaining access from the property owners. A discussion ensued about treatment applications. There were several abutters in the room who expressed their concerns with pond health and that they would like treatments to continue.

T. Pitman motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to approve a one year extension for the Mill Pond Order of Conditions. The motion passed 4-0.

Extension Request for Fawn Lake Order of Conditions (DEP#281-0216).

Josh Perry from Solitude Lake Management was present. A discussion ensued. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to approve a one year extension for the Fawn Lake Order of Conditions. The motion passed 4-0.**

Housatonic Valley Association-Presentation on Konkapot River Assessment.

Alison Dixon was present and explained that in April or May volunteers would be conducting a visual assessment of the river banks and river bed. In October or November she would present the report to the Commission. A discussion ensued. The Association will be sending a letter to property owners who abut the river. Ms. Dixon will be asking the Select Board to also sign the letter.

Emergency Permit: County Road. Chairman Ward stated that he signed off on the Emergency Certification Form for a dead tree that is threatening public safety on County Road. The tree is located in one of the pull off areas by a bridge. He stated that the Commission would need to vote to approve or amend the permit. A discussion ensued. **A. Batacchi, Jr. motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to approve the Emergency Permit as written. The motion passed 4-0.** The members signed.

Emergency Permit: 81 & 85 County Road. Chairman Ward stated that he signed off on the Emergency Certification Form for 81 & 85 County Road for the removal of trees that were threatening a house. He stated that the Commission would need to vote to approve or amend the permit. A discussion ensued. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to approve the Emergency Permit as written. The motion passed 4-0.** The members signed.

Enforcement Order: 1448 South Undermountain Road. Chairman Ward explained that Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program contacted the office about potential violations on the property. He stated that an Enforcement Order was issued and that they would need to vote to approve or amend the Order. A discussion ensued. **A. Batacchi, Jr. motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to approve the Enforcement Order. The motion passed 4-0.** The members signed.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft minutes from February 20, 2018. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to approve the February 20, 2018 minutes as written. The motion passed 4-0.**

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: The Commission reviewed Forrest Cutting Plans for the Field property at 1204 Salisbury Road. Chairman Ward stated that he would like to discuss it further at their next meeting.

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: The Commission read two public hearing notices for the Sheffield Planning Board.

The Commission read a February 22, 2018 letter from the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife regarding certified vernal pools in town.

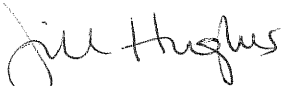
Public Comment: There were no public inquiries.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening. **A. Batacchi, Jr. motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

The following documents were reviewed during the Board's meeting and have been retained as required by the Massachusetts Public Retention Policy: Meeting agenda, Sign in sheet, RDA for Century Acquisition, Permit extension requested for Mill Pond and Fawn Lake, Emergency Certification Permits for County Rd and 81 & 85 County Rd, Enforcement Order for 1448 South Undermountain Rd, Draft meeting minutes 2/20/18, Forest Cutting Plan for Field, Sheffield Planning Board public hearing notices, 2/22/18 letter from the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: March 12, 2018

Name – PLEASE PRINT

Street, Town

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| 1. | Josh Perry | 590 Lake St. Shrewsbury |
| 2. | Caitlin Marsden Hettlinger | 384 Bow Wow Rd |
| 3. | Joseph Brennan | Century, Clayton Rd |
| 4. | Darlyn Hightman | 368 Bow Wow - |
| 5. | Susan Weinstein | 184 Bow Wow |
| 6. | Sidney Ninkler | 184 Bow Wow |
| 7. | MARTHA JACKSON | 400 Bow Wow Rd |
| 8. | Catherine B Miller | 130 Rood Lane |
| 9. | Garrah Williams | 340 Bow Wow |
| 10. | Kimi Casey | 65 Clayton Rd. Canaan, CT |
| 11. | ALISON DIXON | 14 MAIN ST STOCKBRIDGE MA |
| 12. | HARVEY KIMMELMAN | 7 BAY LANE, SHEFFIELD |
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