

Town of Sheffield
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 13, 2021
7:00 PM

Commission Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman
Ted Pitman
Rene Wood
Arthur Batacchi, Jr.

Others Present: Lori Neil, Administrative Assistant
Members of the Public

Chairman Ward called the Conservation Commission meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

1. Public Hearing on Notice of Intent (NOI) filed by The Nature Conservancy for property located on Kelsey Road, in accordance with the provision of M.G. L. C. 131, Sec. 40. The proposed project: ongoing ecological restoration and habitat management. There was not a representative for the Nature Conservancy tonight. Members of the public asked questions which were answered by the Commission. D. Ward reported that there are several different parcels that are being referred to. R. Wood made copies and shared the letter from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. **R. Wood made a motion to approve the NOI with the condition of Notification to Chief Ullrich two days prior to any plan of burning and to go through the regular burn permit. T. Pitman seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0. R. Wood made a motion to close the public hearing. D. Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.**

2. Public Hearing on Notice of Intent (NOI) filed by Tim Fulco for property located at Berkshire School, 245 S. Undermountain, in accordance with the Provision of M.G.L. C. 131, § 40. The applicant, Tim Fulco of Berkshire School, was present with Jackson Alberti of ForeSight Land Services. J. Alberti shared and reviewed the site plan with the Commission. He mentioned all work would be completed between the two bridges on the plan. This includes removal of a Gazebo and replacing it with a natural stone seating area. **R. Wood made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent with normal conditions for Berkshire School at 245 S. Undermountain Road. A. Batacchi seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0. R. Ward made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by T. Pitman. Motion carried, 4-0.**

3. Discussion/Possible Action regarding Enforcement Order for 854 and 864 S. Undermountain Road. J. Alberti of ForeSight Land Services reported that Race Brook is preparing a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the first meeting in October. An email will be sent to L. Neil when ready.

4. Discussion/Possible Action regarding Enforcement Order for 1448 S. Undermountain Road. There was a site visit at this property today 9/13/21 at 5:00 pm. B. Butler and E.

Stockman met the Commission at the site visit. E. Stockman will send an email to L. Neil regarding finalizing the delineation of the wetlands.

5. Discussion regarding complaint of Berkshire Lake Property Owner's Association, Inc.

This topic will be discussed at the next Conservation Commission meeting on 9/27/21.

6. Commission Member Items: T. Pitman requested to have a site visit whenever a Notice of Intent (NOI) is on the agenda.

R. Wood recommended to the Commission that all conversations, including phone calls and emails, with members of the public should be documented in a letter or email, with L. Neil copied, so there is a record of the conversation. T. Pitman will write a letter documenting his recent conversation with a member of the public.

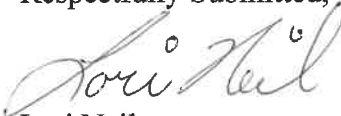
7. Approval of draft minutes: The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from 8/23/21. **R. Wood made a motion to approve the minutes as written. T. Pitman seconded the motion which passed 3-0.** A. Batacchi abstained.

8. Public Inquires:

9. Adjournment.

R. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by A. Batacchi and approved by a 4-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Neil
Administrative Assistant

Documents reviewed at this meeting:

- 9-13-21 Meeting Agenda
- Notice of Intent (NOI) for The Nature Conservancy, filed by Angela Sirois-Pitel
- Letter from the MA. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- Notice of Intent (NOI) for Berkshire School, filed by Tim Fulco
- Draft Minutes from 8/23/21
- Attendee Sign in Sheet