

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman  
Cheryl Blackburn  
Arthur Batacchi, Jr.

Commission Members Not Present: Jeff Collingwood  
Ted Pitman

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

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

The Commission welcomed their new member Arthur Batacchi, Jr.

**Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by MassDOT for property on Route #7, proposed project is for pavement resurfacing work on Route #7.**

Brian Clairmont from MassDOT was present. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. MassDOT has a current Determination of Applicability that expires on 9/22/16. They are filing again because the work is not yet completed. Mr. Clairmont gave a brief explanation of the project and stated that there is no additional work proposed from the original plan and that the work will be finished shortly. A discussion ensued. **D. Ward motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to issue a Negative Determination #2 on the project. The motion passed 3-0.**

**Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jay Greenberg for property on 414 Bow Wow Road, proposed project is to install a dock and to remove invasive bamboo and old garden by scraping the roots out and disposing of all debris off site and bring in screened topsoil and installing sod.**

Owners Jay Greenberg and Melinda Gellman and contractor Duncan Stafford were present. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Mr. Stafford informed the Commission that they would be putting down seed not sod. Surface vegetation would be removed and then seeded. The work is within the buffer area. Straw waddles will be placed at the edge of the work area. The proposed dock will have piers and the existing steps that lead down to the water will be repaired. A discussion ensued about the project. **A. Batacchi, Jr. motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to issue a Negative Determination #2 on the project. The motion passed 3-0.**

**Approval of Minutes:** The Commission reviewed draft minutes from August 8, 2016. **D. Ward motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to approve the August 8, 2016 minutes as written. The motion passed 3-0.**

**October Meeting Schedule:** The Commission discussed changing their meeting date in October, since it falls on Columbus Day. ***D. Ward motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to have their meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016 @ 7pm and to only meet once that month. The motion passed 3-0.***

**Bills Pending:** The Commission reviewed and signed a bill.

**Review of Forest Cutting Plans:** The Commission reviewed and discussed a plan for Frohne on Hulett Hill Road.

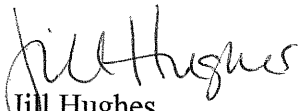
**Upcoming Conferences and Mail:** The Commission reviewed a public hearing notice for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Commission this evening, ***C. Blackburn motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3-0.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 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, Draft meeting minutes 8/8/16; RDA for MassDOT; RDA for J. Greenberg; Frohne forest cutting plan; ZBA public hearing notice.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Jill Hughes  
Recording Secretary

## Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: September 12, 2016

**Name – PLEASE PRINT**

**Street, Town**

1. Brian Clairmont - MassDOT 270 Main St Lenox, MA
2. Duncan Stafford - Stafford Tree 200 maple Ave Gt. Barr: MA
3. Jay Greenberg 414 Bow Wow Rd, Sheffield
4. Melinda Gellman 414 Bow Wow Road, Sheffield
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