

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
AUGUST 14, 2017  
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Donald Ward, III, Chairman  
Arthur Batacchi, Jr.  
Jeffrey Collingwood  
Theodore Pitman

Commission Members Not Present: Cheryl Blackburn

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

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Reorganization of the Board:** Chairman Ward would like to put this on next month's agenda when all members are present.

**Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Town of Sheffield for property on 160 Frederic Lane. The proposed project is to work in a small 0.45 acre area managing woody invasive species.** Sari Hoy of Native Habitat Restoration was present. The Commission conducted a site visit prior to the meeting. Ms. Hoy explained that the work is being performed as part of a demonstration of how invasive species management can improve the health of our forest to be seen at the Department of Recreation's Sheffield Town Forest Management Event on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. She explained that most of the invasives are large enough to cut painted and chipped. The remaining smaller vines and shrubs will be foliar sprayed. They will use low toxicity wetland approved herbicides. A discussion ensued about the project and the herbicides that will be used. Chairman Ward requested that flags will be put up indicating the use of pesticides. The Commission also asked for MSDS sheets for the herbicides. **J. Collingwood motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to issue a Negative Determination #2. The motion passed 4-0.**

**Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Housatonic Valley Association for property on Covered Bridge Lane. The proposed project is to install a 6-foot bench that will be anchored with buried plastic wood landscaping.** Dennis Regan from Housatonic Valley Association was present. The Commission conducted a site visit prior to the meeting. Mr. Regan stated that they would like to install a bench at the Covered Bridge and would anchor it with cement footings instead of the plastic wood landscaping timber. They are trying to attract more people to use the river. A discussion ensued about the location of the bench. **J. Collingwood motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to issue a Negative Determination #2. The motion passed 4-0.**

**Approval of Minutes:** The Commission reviewed draft minutes from July 10, 2017. *A. Batacchi, Jr. motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to approve the July 10, 2017 minutes as written. The motion passed 4-0.*

**Bills Pending:** The Commission approved and signed bills.

**Review of Forest Cutting Plans:** The Commission reviewed Forest Cutting Plans for Berkshire School, Ford Hill Road-Laskoff and Ford Hill Road-Bachetti/Christman.

**Upcoming Conferences and Mail:** Chairman Ward spoke about the Forestry seminar that will be held at the Town park on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Commission reviewed a flyer on an Open Meeting Law seminar on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:** There were no public inquiries.

J. Collingwood informed the Commission that he spoke to Andrew Madden of the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. They will be doing some minor work on the access road to Three Mile Pond.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 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 7/10/17, RDA's for Town of Sheffield and Housatonic Valley Association, Forest Cutting Plans for Berkshire School, Laskoff and Bachetti/Christman, Open Meeting Law flyer.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jill Hughes  
Recording Secretary

# Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: August 14, 2017

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