

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 17, 2016
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman
Arthur Batacchi, Jr.
Cheryl Blackburn
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 7:03 pm.

Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Town of Sheffield for property on 304 Barnum St., proposed project is to repair eroded slope on side of landfill. Add top soil to fill in voids and regrade slope, seed and reinforce with Turf Reinforcement Mats.

Shannon Boomsma from White Engineering was present for the applicant. The Commission reviewed the site plans. The proposed project would repair a section of the side slope that has some erosion caused by runoff from the landfill. There has been no damage to the landfill or the cap. Ms. Boomsma stated that landfill inspections are conducted every year. Silt fence will be installed for erosion control and work will be done by hand or small excavator from the top of the landfill. A discussion ensued about the proposed work. *T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi to issue a Negative Determination #3 on the project with the following conditions:*

1. *Use slope/conservation seed mix.*
2. *Use access from the roadway.*

The motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing: Notice of Intent filed by George Soudant for property on 1375 North Main St., proposed project is to construct commercial building and associated site work.

Chairman Ward stated that Jeff Collingwood and Arthur Batacchi, Jr. are not serving on the Commission for this public hearing because Jeff Collingwood is representing Mr. Soudant and Arthur Batacchi, Jr. is an abutter of the property. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Jeff Collingwood explained that MassDEP has reviewed the application and is requiring that prior to issuing a new Order of Conditions approving any work, the existing Order (281-0222), must be closed out. He formerly requested that the Commission close out the existing Order from 2010.

A copy of the EDEP Transaction and a revised Exhibit 5 Proposed Grading Plan 2 dated 10/17/16 was entered into the record. The property is within the 100-year floodplain. Mr. Collingwood reviewed the site plans with the Commission and a discussion ensued about the site work and erosion controls. He explained the Flood Plan Compensatory Storage and that the excess cut of 206 CY will be held in reserve on the site in case the septic system needs to be replaced. A discussion ensued about the project.

C. Blackburn motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to close out the existing Order of Conditions on the property. The motion passed 3-0.

T. Pitman motioned to accept Mr. Collingwood's plans as submitted.

Chairman Ward asked Jeff Collingwood if he had any suggested conditions. Discussion ensued regarding the three conditions suggested by Jeff Collingwood. Chairman Ward stated that the Commission can fine tune the additional conditions later.

C. Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Emergency Certification Form for 1235 Lime Kiln Road:

Chairman Ward explained that the homeowner has a large tree that has died from a disease. They want to remove the tree because of the danger of the limbs falling off and the potential of the disease spreading to other trees. He signed the Emergency Permit so Winthrop Barrett could remove the tree. 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 C. Blackburn to approve the Emergency Permit as written. The motion passed 5-0.** The members signed the Emergency Permit.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft minutes from September 26, 2016. **J. Collingwood motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi to approve the September 26, 2016 minutes. The motion passed 5-0.**

Bills Pending: The Commission reviewed and signed a bill.

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: The Commission reviewed and discussed a plan for a property on Sheffield Egremont Road.

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: There is a seminar on lake management in Pittsfield on 10/22 and an upcoming workshop on forest cutting plans in Holyoke on 10/29.

Chairman Ward informed the Commission that at their November 14th meeting Lauren Gaherty from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is coming to talk about the Scenic Mountain Act.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening, **J. Collingwood motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 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 9/26/16, RDA for the Town of Sheffield, NOI for George Soudant, Emergency Certification Form for 1235 Lime Kiln Rd, Forest Cutting Plan for Sheffield Egremont Rd.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: October 17, 2016

Name – PLEASE PRINT	Street, Town
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2. Shannon Boomsma	White Engineering
3. Kim Shaw	1040 Sheffield Eggen Rd
4. Tom Torrici	1347 N. Main Street Sheffield
5. Rick Polanco	
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