

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
APRIL 11, 2016  
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman  
Cheryl Blackburn  
Jeff Collingwood  
Ted Pitman

Commission Members Not Present: Peter Stiglin

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 Robert Andreasen (ABCD'S DREAM LLC) for property on 135 Fiddlehead Trail, proposed project is to construct a dock.** A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Mr. Andreasen explained that he has filed a Chapter 91 Waterways License Application with MassDEP. He would like to install a "T" dock, add some sand to the area to make a beach and crushed stone to fill in any holes. The Commission reviewed the site map and a discussion ensued about the project and the area. The Commission informed Mr. Andreasen that he cannot put sand or crushed stone in the area near the water. **J. Collingwood motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to issue a Negative Determination #3 with the following conditions: The line that designated the 50-foot Wetland Buffer on plan dated November 2013, no work allowed below that line and no additional work in that area other than placing the dock. Work above that line, where it is higher in grade, restoration work can occur. No equipment allowed in lower area. Smooth/tamp out with feet the machinery tracks that are currently present using existing materials. The motion passed 4-0.**

**Public Hearing: Request from Altus Power America for Amended Order of Conditions DEP File # 281-0239 issued to Housatonic Solar 1, LLC for property on 49 Lime Kiln Rd. The proposed project is to change the location of the power lines between the solar array and the connection point on Lime Kiln Rd, and to construct a maintenance driveway adjacent to them.** A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Mr. Mayland explained the proposed change of moving the power lines and constructing a driveway and a discussion ensued. Arthur Batacchi, an abutter of the property asked about the project manager at the site. Kirt explained that Altus Power America bought the solar project from Housatonic Solar, so they are in charge of the project. The Commission reviewed the site plans. **J. Collingwood motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to approve the Amendment of the Order of Conditions for Housatonic Solar 1, LLC with the following conditions:**

1. To allow relocation of utility poles to the west, starting 15-feet west of flag A-7. Utility pole line to follow closely to evergreen trees.
2. No removal of evergreen trees.
3. Trees located to the west can be removed as required.
4. Allow the gravel access road to be constructed.

The Commission referenced the map dated 12/22/14, sheet S-1 and plan dated 4/11/16. The motion passed 4-0.

**Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by TEC Associates for Housatonic Railroad Right-of-Way. The proposed project is Vegetation control which will conform to guidelines set forth in the Massachusetts Rights-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) and the preface to the Wetlands Protection Regulations (333 CMR 10.00) relative to rights-of-way management.

There was no one present to represent TEC Associates or the Housatonic Railroad. The Commission reviewed the application to renew the wetland delineation along HRRC's right-of-way in Sheffield and a discussion ensued. J. Collingwood motioned, with a second from D. Ward to issue a Negative Determination #5 with the following exemptions 310 CMR 10.03 (6)(b) and 310 CMR 10.58 (6)(a) and the following condition: Vegetation Management Plan is good for one year from date of issuance. The motion passed 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Commission reviewed draft minutes from March 14, 2016. J. Collingwood motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

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

**Review of Forest Cutting Plans:** The Commission reviewed a cutting plans for Mount Washington/Undermountain Road and Water Farm Road.

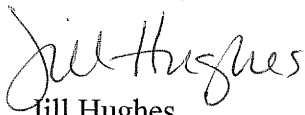
**Upcoming Conferences and Mail:** The Commission reviewed the current budget sheet for FY16.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Commission this evening, D. Ward motioned, with a second from J. Collingwood to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 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 3/14/16; RDA for Robert Andreasen; RDA for TEC Associates; request for Amendment to OOC for Housatonic Solar 1, LLC, (2) Forest Cutting Plans, FY16 budget sheet.

Respectively submitted by:

  
Jill Hughes  
Recording Secretary