

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 11, 2018
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Donald Ward, III, Chairman
Arthur Batacchi, Jr.
Cheryl Blackburn
Theodore Pitman

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

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Clean Energy Collective for property on 1589 Hewins Street. The RDA is intended to confirm that no wetlands exist anywhere on the property. No construction activities are proposed under this application. Chairman Ward stated that Bob Fournier from SK Design Group sent an email requesting a continuance to June 25, 2018. ***D. Ward, III motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to continue the public hearing to June 25, 2018. The motion passed 4-0.***

Public Hearing: Request for an Amendment to the Order of Conditions (DEP File #281-0245), for George Soudant for property on 1375 North Main Street. The proposed project is to increase an approved building by 2,400 sq. ft., seek approval for a 9,500 sq. ft. greenhouse, parking, outside grow space and fencing. The work will include site excavation to satisfy floodplain compensatory storage requirements. John Boleng from Civil/Architectural Design was present for the applicant. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Arthur Batacchi, Jr. recused himself from the meeting because he is an abutter of the property. Mr. Boleng stated that they have made revisions to the proposed project amendment dated May 31, 2018. Mr. Boleng talked about keeping item #1, #2 and #4 and removing item #3, #5 and #6. They will be removing an additional 30 cubic yards for compensatory storage. Tom Gage stated his safety concerns. A discussion ensued. ***T. Pitman motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to approve the amendment to the Order of Conditions as proposed. The motion passed 4-0.***

Extension Request for Seaboard Solar Order of Conditions (DEP #281-0238). Pedro Rodriguez from Seaboard Solar was present to request an extension on the current Order of Conditions, which will expire in August. He stated that construction on the site would be starting soon. Chairman Ward asked if the site is currently in compliance with the current Order and asked if the file number was posted on the property. Mr. Rodriguez stated that they will get those signs put up. Chairman Ward asked if the resource area boundaries are unchanged. Mr. Rodriguez stated that there are no changes in the wetland delineations and that they have walked the site. A discussion ensued. Chairman Ward would like to conduct a site visit with the engineer and wetland biologist.

D. Ward, III motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to continue the extension request to June 25, 2018 and to conduct a site visit prior to the meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Enforcement Order 992 Foley Road: The Commission reviewed a request from Emily Stockman dated June 4, 2018. Ms. Stockman is asking for extensions on some of the dates on the Order based on the timing of their approval, work schedule, and seasonal constraints. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to approve the request from Emily Stockman. The motion passed 4-0.** This matter will be on the August 13, 2018 agenda.

Enforcement Order 1448 South Undermountain Road: Benjamin Naylor from Berkshire Engineering was present. Mr. Naylor reviewed site plans with the Commission that have the wetland resource areas identified. A discussion ensued about the driveway. Mr. Naylor will be going back to dig holes to see if there are wetlands present. Angela Sirois-Pitel from the Nature Conservancy was present and stated her concerns. Mr. Naylor will be preparing a management plan and invasive species control plan. A discussion ensued. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to continue the discussion on the Enforcement Order to the July 9, 2018 meeting. The motion passed 4-0.**

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft minutes from May 21, 2018. **A. Batacchi, Jr. motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to approve the May 21, 2018 minutes as written. The motion passed 4 -0.**

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: There were no forest cutting plans to review.

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: The Commission reviewed the memo for the Conflict of Interest training that will be held on July 25, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center.

Public Comment: There was no public present.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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, RDA application for Clean Energy Collective, Extension request for Seaboard Solar Order of Conditions, Enforcement Order for 992 Foley Rd, Enforcement Order for 1448 S. Undermountain Rd, Draft 5/21/18 meeting minutes, 5/30/18 memo regarding the Conflict of Interest training.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: June 11, 2018

Name – PLEASE PRINT	Street, Town
1. <u>JOHN BOLENG</u>	<u>12 SQUANTO RD / PITSFIELD</u>
2. <u>Thomas Gage</u>	<u>5 Baldwin Hill Rd S. Egremont</u>
3. <u>Pedro Rodriguez</u>	<u>Home Rd, Sheffield.</u>
4. <u>Benjamin Naylor / Berkshire Engineering</u>	<u>Rep. for Ligas / S. Undermountain Rd.</u>
5. <u>Martin Mitselt</u>	<u>S. Undermountain Rd, Sheffield</u>
6. <u>Angela Simon-Patel</u>	<u>Sheffield</u>
7. <u>Chris Welch</u>	<u>Sheffield</u>
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