

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 21, 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: Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Sheffield for property on County Road at Ironwork Bridge. The proposed project is bridge repair at the Ironwork Brook Bridge crossing at County Road.

Jeff Malloy and Micah Morrison from BSC Group were present. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Mr. Malloy explained that the bridge is in very bad shape. The project will involve repairs made to the existing bridge structure, which include structural beam replacement, bridge railing replacement, guardrail, and scour protection along the existing bridge abutments. The proposed repairs are expected to extend the life of the bridge. Mr. Malloy stated that the work will be done in the summer months when there are low-flow conditions. They will file with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The road will be closed during construction. Micah Morrison talked about the grant the Town is receiving. A discussion ensued about the project. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to approve the Notice of Intent and issue an Order of Conditions for the Town of Sheffield with the following Special Condition: (1) Add vegetation to the Northwest quadrant in the packed gravel area. The motion passed 4-0.**

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.

Bob Fournier from SK Design Group was present for the applicant. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Mr. Fournier explained that there is a proposed solar project for the property. They have a Special Permit Application hearing Wednesday night with the Planning Board. He stated that the property is mostly forest and a Wetland Scientist conducted a resource area inspection and did not find any jurisdictional resource areas. A discussion ensued about the project and about hiring a third party wetlands biologist to review. **D. Ward motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to continue the public hearing to June 11, 2018. The motion passed 4-0.**

Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John Hart for property on 84 Spring Hollow Lane. The proposed project is to build a 12' X 24' addition to the existing residential structure.

John and Margaret Hart were present. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Mr. Hart explained that they are building 12' x 24' addition as well as interior renovations on their house. There is an intermittent stream that runs through the back of the property. He has contacted Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program who informed him there is no Priority Habitat on their property. A discussion ensued about the project. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to issue a Negative Determination #3 with the following condition: (1) install erosion controls. The motion passed 4-0.**

Public Hearing; Notice of Intent Application filed by Julie Vayer, for property on 176 Maple Avenue. The proposed project is an addition on the east side of an existing residence. All of the proposed work is located within the floodplain of the Housatonic River.

Jack Magnotti from Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates and owner Julie Vayer were present. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. A map of the area was reviewed and discussed. All of the proposed work is located within the floodplain and is outside the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands on the property. Erosion controls will be placed. A discussion ensued about the compensatory storage. The Commission reviewed the May 8, 2018 letter from Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program stating that the project will have no adverse impact and is exempt from a MESA review. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to approve the Notice of Intent and issue an Order of Conditions for Julie Vayer. The motion passed 4-0.** The Commission requested that they be notified once erosion controls are in place.

Enforcement Order 1448 South Undermountain Road: Benjamin Naylor from Berkshire Engineering was present to represent owner Andreas Ligas. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Mr. Naylor stated that they have filed with Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program and that they would like feedback from the Commission before issuing their conditions. The Resource Area Restoration Plan dated May 7, 2018 was reviewed and a discussion ensued about the areas of concern. Chairman Ward asked that the wetland resource areas be identified on the plan, a table of wetland impacts and buffers and to identify the engineering priorities. The Enforcement Order will be placed on the June 11, 2018 meeting agenda.

Discussion on Amending an Order of Conditions for 1375 North Main Street: John Boleng from Civil/Architectural Design, owner George Soudant and Chris Weld were present. A. Batacchi, Jr. recused himself from the discussion as he is an abutter of the property. Mr. Boleng explained that Mr. Soudant is looking to add a 25' addition to one of the buildings that has been approved and is proposing a 130' x 75' greenhouse. Proposed site plan revisions and a flood plain compensatory table for project plans dated 5/21/18 were reviewed. A discussion ensued about the compensatory storage. The Commission would like a third party review of the requested revisions and will let the owner know who they choose.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft minutes from April 23, 2018. **A. Batacchi, Jr. motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to approve the April 23, 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: Chairman Ward reminded everyone of the MACC meeting on Lenox tomorrow night.

The Commission reviewed the following:

- Public Hearing notice from the Planning Board regarding the Special Permit Application for Sheffield MA 1, LLC for property on 1589 Hewins Street.
- Housatonic Railroad Company 2018 Vegetation Control Program dated April 18, 2018 from TEC Associates.

Public Comment: There was no public present.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 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, NOI applications for the Town of Sheffield and Julie Vayer, RDA applications for Clean Energy Collective and John Hart, Enforcement Order for 1448 S. Undermountain Rd, Draft meeting minutes 4/23/18, Sheffield Planning Board notice of public hearing, TEC Associates 4/18/18 HRR Vegetation Control Program.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: May 21, 2018

	Name – PLEASE PRINT	Street, Town
1.	John Hart	84 SPRING Hollow
2.	Margaret Hart	84 Spring Hollow Sheffield
3.	Patricia DeChristopher	Clear Energy Collective
4.	BOB FOURNIER	SK DESIGN GROUP
5.	Jeffrey Malloy	BSC Group Inc.
6.	Mich. Morrison	BSC Group Inc.
7.	Julie Vayer	176 Maple Ave
8.	Benjamin Naylor	Berkshire Engineering
9.	MARK REYNOLDS	KELLY GRANGER + PANSOFS
10.	Chris Weld	1640 Wye Street
11.	GEORGE SOUWANT JR	1591 ADAMS RD
12.	JACK MAGNOTTI	312 MAIN ST. GB
13.	John Barrow	12 SQUANTO RD, LANESBORO.
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