

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 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.

Continuation of 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 recused himself because his family owns an abutting property and left the room. T. Pitman went on the site visit prior to the meeting. Bob Fournier from SK Design Group was present for the applicant along with wetland biologist Brett Kamienski. Mr. Fournier stated that they received a Special Permit from the Planning Board. An aerial site map from DEP was reviewed. The map shows that there are no wetlands on the property, but there are wetlands on the abutting property 350-feet away. A site plan showing the solar panels on the property was also reviewed. A discussion ensued. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to issue a Negative Determination #1 for Clean Energy Collective. The motion passed 3-0.**

Chairman Ward re-entered the meeting.

Continuation of Extension Request for Seaboard Solar Order of Conditions (DEP #281-0238).

Pedro Rodriguez and Rory Walker from Seaboard Solar and Frank Bicchieri from Bertin Engineering were present. Chairman Ward and T. Pitman went on a site visit prior to the meeting. Erosion controls are in place, file numbers are posted in three locations and wetland flagging is still in place in some areas. There are no changes to the plans that were originally submitted. Mr. Rodriguez stated that they will start clearing the site next week and that construction should be finished by mid-September. A schedule of work and weekly reports will be emailed to the Commission during construction. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to grant a one year extension on the Order of Conditions for Seaboard Solar. The motion passed 4-0.**

Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Louis Aragi, Jr. for property on 707 South Main Street. The proposed project is clearing portions of woods to create open agricultural fields. Chairman Ward and T. Pitman conducted a site visit prior to the meeting. Jim Kelly was present for the applicant. Plans and documents from wetlands scientist Emily Stockman and engineer Alexander Thorp from Accord Engineering were reviewed and discussed. The eight questions about the project

from MassDEP were reviewed and answered by Mr. Kelly. A discussion ensued about the isolated wetland area, the existing access road, Priority Habitat areas and the forest cutting plan. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to issue a Negative Determination #3 for Louis Aragi, Jr. with the following conditions:**

1. **Wetland areas will be well delineated for contractors throughout the process.**
2. **Contractors will stay out of Priority Habitat.**
3. **Avoid significant changes in grade conversion.**

The motion passed 4-0.

Enforcement Order 1448 South Undermountain Road: Chairman Ward went on a site visit last Tuesday and viewed the wetland delineations. He stated that Ben Naylor from Berkshire Engineering will be sending a revised plan that will have erosion controls marked for the Commission to review and sign off on. The owners would like to start work on the driveway repairs. A discussion ensued.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft minutes from June 11, 2018. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to approve the June 11, 2018 minutes as written. The motion passed 4 -0.**

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: The Commission reviewed a forest cutting plan for Gilligan-property on Bay Lane.

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: There was no mail to review or conferences to discuss.

The Commission discussed their meeting schedule for the summer, since some members will be away. It was the consensus of the Commission to not hold a meeting on August 27, 2018 because they will not have a quorum.

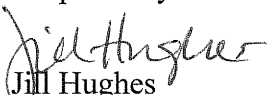
Public Comment: Martin Mitsoff was present to inquire about someone altering a stream. A discussion ensued. Chairman Ward stated that a formal complaint would need to be filed and the Commission would look into it.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 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 applications for Clean Energy Collective and Louis Aragi, Jr., Extension request for Seaboard Solar Order of Conditions, Draft 6/11/18 meeting minutes, Forest Cutting Plan for Gilligan.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: June 25, 2018

Name – PLEASE PRINT	Street, Town
1. Pedro Rodriguez	Home Rd, Sheffield
2. Rony WALKER	HOME RD, SHEFFIELD
3. Frank Biechler	" " "Bottin Eng.
4. Patricia DeChristopher	Clean Energy Collective
5. Brett Kamienski	SK DESIGN GROUP, INC
6. BOB FARNUM	" "
7. Paul Ward	1589 Hewings ST Ashby Falls
8. Martin Mitsoff	Undermountain Rd.
9. Jim Kelly	Coatz Rd Sheffield
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