

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

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

Others Present: 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 Bruce Howden, for property at 303 Rannapo Road. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information regarding the proposed project: Control phragmites.

James Kelly was present for the applicant. Mr. Kelly stated that he conducted a site visit with NRCS and NHESP. There will be six different sites that will be treated and a map of the area was reviewed. He explained that hand treatments of phragmites will occur on Site 5 and parts of Site 4 and that backpack spraying for Sites 1, 2, 3 & 6. Phragmites will be cut down in the winter and treatment will be in August or September 2019. A discussion ensued about the project. Chairman Ward stated that the Commission would need a copy of the letter from NHESP. **D. Ward motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to issue a Negative Determination #2 upon receipt of a letter from NHESP. The motion passed 4-0.** The Commission requested that they be notified when the work will begin.

Public Hearing: Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Louis Aragi, Jr., for property at 707 South Main Street. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information regarding the proposed project: Clearing portions of wood previously retained in ring 19-ft to 35-ft from isolated wetland.

James Kelly was present for the applicant. Revised site plans were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Kelly explained that the cutting plan will cover the white and pink areas on the map and that the green areas will be converted to fields. A discussion ensued about the project. **T. Pitman motioned, with a second from A. Batacchi, Jr. to issue a Negative Determination #3 with the following conditions:**

- 1. Site review upon timber harvest, site review upon vegetation removal and pre and post stump removal.**
- 2. No work to be done in indicated wetlands shown on 8/2/18 Aragi plan.**

The motion passed 4-0.

Public Hearing: Notice of Intent filed by Scott and Amy Margolis for property at 1296 Ashley Falls Road. The proposed project is the construction of a screen porch,

relocation of a propane tank, removal of thirteen mature trees and the planting of fourteen native shrubs. Portions of the work are located within bank, riverfront area and bordering land subject to flooding.

Chairman Ward stated that an email was received from Emily Stockman requesting a continuation to the next meeting. **D. Ward motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to continue the public hearing to October 9, 2018. The motion passed 4-0.**

Enforcement Order: 1448 South Undermountain Road: Chairman Ward stated that the owners are waiting for a response from NHESP.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft minutes from August 13, 2018. **A. Batacchi, Jr. motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to approve the August 13, 2018 minutes as written. The motion passed 3-0.** C. Blackburn abstained from the vote.

October Meeting Schedule: The Commission discussed changing their meeting date in October, since it falls on Columbus Day. It was decided that the Commission will meet on October 9th at 7:00 PM.

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: The Commission reviewed Forest Cutting Plans for Delmolino on Lime Kiln Road, Field on Salisbury Road and Safian on Old Joe Road.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the August 21, 2018 memo from the Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding changes to the Forest Cutting Practices Act.

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: Chairman Ward stated that there are some upcoming MACC seminars.

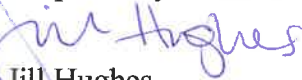
Public Comment: There were no public inquiries.

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 7:54 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 for Howden and Aragi, NOI for Margolis, 8/13/18 meeting minutes, Forest Cutting Plans, 8/21/18 memo from DCR.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: September 10, 2018

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