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

Commission Members Present: Donald Ward, III, Chairman

Arthur Batacchi, Jr Theodore Pitman Cheryl Blackburn Martin Mitsoff

Others Present: Renee LeClair, Recording Secretary

Members of the public (see sign in sheet)

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Hearing: Notice of Intent Application, filed by Chris Weld for property on 1375 North Main Street in Sheffield, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, sec. 40. The proposed project is the construction of a new 7,500 square foot green house, site grading with compensatory storage and septic system upgrade. Chairman Ward welcomed John Boleng, Engineer of Civil/Architectural Design hired by the applicant Chris Weld, Berkshire Welco, LLC. John thanked T. Pitman for visiting the site today prior to the meeting. John began his presentation by submitting a revised site plan dated December 10, 2018 and answering a few questions about the site for the Commission. Following a brief discussion John produced the "Notification of Wetlands Protection Act File Number" document that was sent to both the applicant and the Commission by the MassDEP via Mark Stinson Circuit Rider on December 5, 2018. John went over each question Mark Stinson had posed to the applicant about the site with the Commission. A discussion ensued after. **D. Ward** motioned to close the public hearing with a second from C. Blackburn. The motion passed 4-0. A. Batacchi Jr recused himself as potential abutter. A brief discussion ensued. A.Batacchi, Jr. left the room. M. Mitsoff motioned with a second from C. Blackburn to approve the proposed relocation of erosion control measures at the northwest corner of the building and to accept the proposed greenhouse site plan as presented with the following conditions; to re-verify and maintain the existing erosion controls during excavation and construction and to perform practices that will establish vegetation in excavation cut areas. The motion passed 4-0. **Approval of Minutes:** The Commission reviewed draft minutes from November 19, 2018. C. Blackburn motioned, with a second from M. Mitsoff to approve the November 19, 2018 with revisions. The motion passed 5-0,

Discussion of Forest Cutting Plans: None at this time.

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: Letter 11/30/18 Notice of Public Hearing from Sheffield Planning Board re: Adult Use Marijuana Establishments, Letter 12/5/18 from MassDEP Notification of Wetlands Protection Act File Number, Letter 11/27/18 Notice

Conservation Commission Minutes December 10, 2018 Meeting Page 1 of 2 of Decision of Special Permit from Sheffield Planning Board, 12/10/18 Email from Town Administrator re: Ethics Commission reminder about restrictions on gifts, 12/5/18 Letter from Division of Fisheries & Wildlife regarding Enforcement Order on 992 Foley Rd., Newsletter from HVA, Newsletter from Land Keepers Berkshire Natural Recourses Council.

Public Inquiries: Chairman Ward mentioned that he was approached by a resident last week with a question regarding crossing a possible intermittent stream with a new house being built on the corner of Waterfarm and Boardman. Chairman Ward also mentioned that a resident of County Rd had dropped of a completed RDA form from Berkshire Engineering, but has not submitted payment or any site plans as of today.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening. M.Mitsoff motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 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, Draft Minutes 11/19/18, Letter 11/30/18 Notice of Public Hearing from Sheffield Planning Board re: Adult Use Marijuana Establishments, Letter 12/5/18 from MassDEP Notification of Wetlands Protection Act File Number, Letter 11/27/18 Notice of Decision of Special Permit from Sheffield Planning Board, 12/10/18 Email from Town Administrator re: Ethics Commission reminder about restrictions on gifts, 12/5/18 Letter from Division of Fisheries & Wildlife regarding Enforcement Order on 992 Foley Rd., Newsletter from HVA, Newsletter from Land Keepers Berkshire Natural Recourses Council.

Respectfully submitted by:

Renée LeClair Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: December 10, 2018

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