

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: James T. Collingwood, Jr., Chairman
Dale Martin
Kenneth Smith
David Smith, Sr.

Board Members Not Present: George Oleen

Others Present: Members of the Public (see sign in sheet)

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

Public Hearing: Special Permit Application filed by Robert Blouch, Jr. and Kelly Blouch for property located at 21 Sheffield Business Park, for Light Manufacturing, per Section 3.1.3 (E-6) of the Sheffield Zoning By-Laws.

Attorney Charles Ferris was present for the applicant. Attorney Ferris stated that the applicants are seeking a Special Permit for Light Manufacturing. The applicants own Blouch Performance Turbo, a company that manufactures turbo chargers for the automotive industry. Their manufacturing process does not use any equipment that produces vibration detectable inside or outside of the building. He further stated that this type of business is favorable to the Business Park and that the applicant anticipates to be hiring locally if the permit is granted. Mr. Blouch spoke briefly about his company. Chairman Collingwood spoke about the Sheffield Business Park Declaration of Protective Covenants and a discussion ensued. Chairman Collingwood asked about the hours of operation. Mr. Blouch stated that they would be open Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 5pm and Friday 8am to 12pm and that he would occasionally be there after hours, but not open for business. A discussion ensued about the application.

K. Smith motioned, with a second from D. Smith Sr. to close the public hearing. The motioned passed 4-0.

K. Smith motioned, with a second from D. Smith Sr. to open deliberations. The motion passed 4-0.

The Board began their deliberations. A discussion ensued about the findings. **D. Smith Sr. motioned, with a second from D. Martin to grant the Special Permit for Robert Blouch Jr. and Kelly Blouch. The motion passed 4-0.**

Form A Requests: There were no Form A requests.

Review and Discussion on Revised Site Plan for 1589 Hewins Street: Chairman Collingwood read the request from SK Design Group Inc. dated August 28, 2018 regarding the Special Permit for Solar Photovoltaic project at 1589 Hewins Street. Robert Fournier from SK Design stated that the Applicant has decided to provide energy storage at the facility. They will install metal storage cabinets on an 18 x 24 foot concrete pad next to the control panel equipment that was originally on the plan. Chris Rodstrom from

CEC, spoke in favor of the project change. A revised site plan dated August 27, 2018 was reviewed and discussed. It was the consensus of the Board that this was a minor change and will not require an amendment to the Special Permit. **D. Smith Sr. motioned, with a second from D. Martin to approve the request from SK Design Group Inc. The motion passed 4-0.**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegate: The Board discussed nominating a member to be a delegate for the Commission. **D. Smith Sr. motioned with a second from D. Martin to nominate Kenneth Smith as a delegate to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. The motion passed 4-0.**

Discussion on Recreational Marijuana: Chairman Collingwood stated that K. Smith worked on a draft Bylaw and a discussion ensued.

Discussion on Zoning Bylaws: K. Smith discussed the draft Bylaw for the Adult Use of Marijuana. The Board would prefer that the Bylaw have its own Section in the Zoning Bylaws and a discussion ensued. The Board will discuss it further at their next meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed draft meeting minutes of August 8, 2018. **D. Martin motioned, with a second from J. Collingwood Jr. to approve the August 8, 2018 minutes as written. The motion passed 4-0.**

Review Mail: The Board reviewed the following:

- Town of Great Barrington Board of Selectmen, Notice of Public Hearing on 9/24/2018 to modify an existing Special Permit.

Board Member Items: There were no items to discuss.

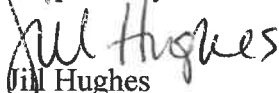
Public Inquiries: Stu Longman, Shawn Brazo and Pedro Rodriguez were present to talk to the Board about a letter to Mass ACA. They are requesting permission from the Board for their Attorney to speak with Town Counsel and write a letter to Mass ACA. A discussion ensued. **K. Smith motioned with a second from D. Smith Sr. to ask the Board of Selectmen to allow the Attorney for Seaboard Solar to speak to Town Counsel with the condition that all fees be paid by Seaboard Solar. The motion passed 4-0.**

K. Smith motioned, with a second from D. Smith Sr. to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The following documents were reviewed during the Board's meeting and have been retained as required by the Massachusetts Public Retention Policy: Sign in sheet, Special Permit Application for Blouch, 8/28/2018 Letter and revised site plan from SK Design Draft 8/8/2018 meeting minutes, 7/2/18 letter from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Public Hearing Notice Town of Great Barrington.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Planning Board

Date: September 12, 2018

	Name – PLEASE PRINT	Street, Town
1.	CHARLES FERRIS	Main St 6B
2.	ROBERT Blouch	Myerstown, PA
3.	Chanssa Blouch	Falls Village, CT
4.	John Rooney	Falls Village, CT
5.	Doug Carter	CEC
6.	Chris Rodstrom	CEC
7.	BOB FOURNIER	SK DESIGN GROUP
8.	PAUL Taper	Ashley Falls, MA
9.	Jeff [Signature]	163 Mark
10.	Brandon Pollack	170 Beacon St. Boston MA 02116
11.	Shawn Bragg	142 West St New Milford CT
12.	Stu Langman	"
13.	Pedro Rodriguez	"
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