

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 28, 2014
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman
James Collingwood, Sr.
Howard Chezar
Cheryl Blackburn
Peter Stiglin

Others Present: Jill Hughes, Clerk
Members of the public (see sign in sheet)

Chairman Don Ward called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Fawn Lake: Michael Lennon from Aquatic Control Technology was present to discuss the Notice of Intent from 2009 for the lake. The original paperwork is missing the date the public hearing was closed and the date of issuance on the first page. Mr. Lennon gave the Commission an overview of the treatment process the company does to the lake that they have managed since 1995 and a discussion ensued. The Commission also reviewed and discussed the Permit Extension Act because Mr. Lennon was also inquiring as to when the Notice of Intent expires. **H. Chezar motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn that the Sheffield Conservation Commission recognizes that the original Order of Conditions was missing the date of issuance and that date is June 8, 2009, which the Commission approved the original Order of Conditions on that date. The Order of Conditions is valid until June 8, 2016 pursuant to The Permit Extension Act. The Commission asked that the applicant recognizes and agrees to this. The motion passed 5-0.** Mr. Lennon recognized and agreed to the motion.

Mr. Lennon asked the Commission to consider changing the wording on special condition #16, which states a third party shall be required to make an assessment of Fawn Lake pre and post-treatment to ascertain herbicide residuals left in the water, lake bed and stream bed downstream of the lake. Mr. Lennon explained that the testing is quite expensive and it is difficult to hire a third party to collect the samples. They would still do the required testing, just not by a third party. The testing is done every three years. **P. Stiglin motioned, with a second from H. Chezar to amend Special Condition #16 on the Order of Conditions approved on June 8, 2009 to read an assessment of Fawn Lake to be made post treatment to ascertain herbicide residuals left in the water, lake bed and stream bed downstream of the lake at least every three years. The motion passed 5-0.**

The Commission discussed with Mr. Lennon the possibility of doing a site visit with him to Mill Pond and Fawn Lake. Mr. Lennon will contact the members when he will be in the area.

Mr. Lennon spoke to the Commission about McCain Pond and the Order of Conditions from 2012. According to the Order he is supposed to have a pre-treatment meeting with the Commission before any treatment is made to the pond. Last summer Mr. Lennon left

several messages to try to set up a meeting and did not get a call back, therefore he could not treat the pond. The pond needed to be treated so the owners could swim in the pond. The Commission reviewed the 2012 Order of Conditions and informed that a formal meeting was not necessary and asked Mr. Lennon to send an email letting them know when he will be doing the treatment.

Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft meeting minutes from March 10, 2014. *H. Chezar motioned, with a second from P. Stiglin to accept the March 10, 2014 minutes as amended. The motion passed 5-0.*

The Commission reviewed draft meeting minutes from March 24, 2014. *D. Ward motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to accept the March 24, 2014 minutes as written. The motion passed 3-2. H. Chezar and P. Stiglin abstained because they were not present at the meeting.*

The Commission reviewed draft meeting minutes from April 14, 2014. *C. Blackburn motioned, with a second from P. Stiglin to accept the April 14, 2014 minutes as written. The motion passed 3-2. H. Chezar and J. Collingwood, Sr. abstained because they were not present at the meeting.*

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: The Commission reviewed a forest cutting plan for Perry, a notification letter from National Grid for herbicide treatment and a letter from Attorney McCormick requesting being placed on the next meeting agenda to discuss Primax Properties. The Commission asked their secretary to contact Attorney McCormick and ask if there was any paperwork they could review before the next meeting.

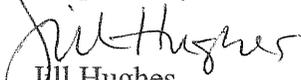
Bills Pending: There were no bills to approve.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening, *H. Chezar motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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 meeting minutes 3/10/14, 3/24/14 and 4/14/14; 2009 Order of Conditions for Fawn Lake; 2012 Order of Conditions for McCain Pond; Forest cutting plan for Perry; Letter from National Grid and Letter from Attorney McCormick.

Respectively submitted by:


Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Conservation Commission

Date: April 28, 2014

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