

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MARCH 24, 2014  
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman  
James Collingwood, Sr.  
Cheryl Blackburn

Board Members Not Present: Howard Chezar  
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.

**Public Hearing: Notice of Intent filed by Stockman Associates, LLC on behalf of The Nature Conservancy, for property on Barnum Street. The proposed project involves the maintenance of an existing hiking trail (including boardwalks and bridges), installation of a small bench with vista pruning and invasive species management at the Drury Preserve.**

The members present conducted a site visit before the meeting and met with Emily Stockman and Angela Sirois-Pitel. Chairman Ward explained that The Nature Conservancy would be improving the hiking trail and setting a bench. The trail already exists and there is some decking/bridging that will be replaced using trees that are on the property. Additional bridging is going to be placed to help minimize erosion. They will also be applying herbicide to control invasive plants and some pruning of trees.

At the site visit Ms. Stockman explained to Commission members that they have not heard back Natural Heritage regarding the proposed project and asked for a continuation.

**D. Ward motioned, with a second from J. Collingwood, Sr. to accept the applicant's request and continue the hearing until next month's meeting. The motion passed 3-0.**

**Bills Pending:**

Outstanding bills were addressed and signed.

**Mail:**

The Commission reviewed the mail. They received a Request for Determination Application from TEC Associates for Housatonic Railroad Right-of-Way maintenance. Chairman Ward questioned if the Commission had to wait for approval from the Dept. of Agricultural Resources and the timing of making a decision on an RDA. The Commission clerk will contact Mark Stinson at DEP with those questions.

The Commission also received a Request for Determination Application from Ken Westlake for a solar PV farm on Route 7. The Commission asked the clerk to contact the representative for the applicant and ask for a diagram to scale of the arrangement of solar panels and where the wetlands/flood plain is in relationship to the work.

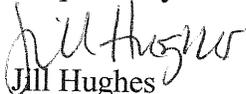
The Commission received an email from Mark Stinson, Mass DEP regarding the NOI application from last year regarding pond dredging/Schwab property on Boardman St. The engineer of the project withdrew the application. If the owner wishes to continue with the project he will need to file a new Notice of Intent.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the Commission this evening, *D. Ward motioned, with a second from J. Collingwood, Sr. to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 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; NOI application-The Nature Conservancy; RDA-TEC Associates; RDA-Ken Westlake; Email from Mark Stinson re: pond dredging.

Respectively submitted by:



Jill Hughes  
Recording Secretary

**Sheffield Conservation Commission**

Date: March 24, 2014

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