

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 13, 2015
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman
Cheryl Blackburn
Peter Stiglin

Board Members Not Present: James Collingwood, Sr.

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.

Meeting with Tom Ryan, Dept. of Conservation and Recreation to discuss forest cutting plans: Mr. Ryan gave the Commission an overview of the forest cutting plan form and explained the process for filing and approval. He stated that the form is sent to his office and to the Conservation Commission and that we have 10 days to review it. He encouraged the Commission to contact his office if they had any questions or concerns about a proposed plan. A discussion ensued about Chapter Land (61, 61A and 61B), wetlands and agricultural exemptions for timber harvesting. Mr. Ryan stated that since 2001 they have reviewed 66 cutting plans for Sheffield, 5 in the last fiscal year. He also stated that the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation offers workshops for loggers to attend.

Mr. Ryan talked to the Commission about a forest cutting plan for a property on Bull Hill Road and a discussion ensued. The Commission thanked Mr. Ryan for attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft minutes from their April 27, 2015 meeting. *P. Stiglin motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015 as written. The motion passed 3-0.*

Bills Pending: There were no bills to approve.

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: The Commission discussed the upcoming meeting schedule and site visits.

The Commission asked the secretary to contact Altus Power and see if a site visit to tour the East Stahl Road solar array is possible for June 18th @ 5pm.

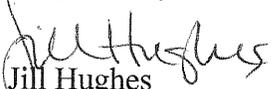
James Collingwood, Jr. was present to inform the Commission that his father would not be attending future meetings and would not be seeking reappointment.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening, *D. Ward motioned, with a second from P. Stiglin to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 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, 4/27/15 Draft Meeting Minutes.

Respectively submitted by:


Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary