

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JULY 27, 2015
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman
Cheryl Blackburn
Jeff Collingwood
Ted Pitman
Peter Stiglin

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

Chairman Don Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Deliberation on the Notice of Intent filed by Seaboard Solar for property on Home Road for construction of (1) 1.4 MW and (1) 1.46 MW solar arrays. Chairman Ward stated that the public hearing was closed on 7/13/15 and the Commission would now deliberate on the Order of Conditions. Danielle Taylor from Seaboard Solar was present to answer any questions the Commission may have. The Commission reviewed the documents that were presented as part of the Notice of Intent and a discussion ensued. Chairman Ward stated that Mike Kulig from Berkshire Engineering reviewed and made suggestions on the proposed special conditions document that was sent by Mike Loin of Bertin Engineering. The Commission reviewed and discussed the document.

C. Blackburn motioned, with a second from P. Stiglin to approve the Notice of Intent for Seaboard Solar with the following Special Conditions as stated on the proposed special conditions document with the following additions:

1. **A spill kit shall be kept and maintained during construction phase.**
2. **An inspection and report of conditions is required whenever a storm occurs or more than ½" of rain falls within a 24-hour period during the construction phase. Reports shall be submitted to the Commission on a weekly basis along with CSWPPP report.**

The motion passed 3-0. Jeffrey Collingwood and Ted Pitman abstained from the vote.

Public Hearing Request for Determination of Applicability for MassDOT for slope repair on Route 41 near Mile Marker 2.77: Amer Raza from MassDOT was present. A site visit was conducted prior to the meeting. Mr. Raza explained that the purpose of the project is to maintain the existing roadway. Water is running parallel to the road and there is erosion of the slope. Approximately 25 feet of the failed slope will be stabilized by installing Rip Rap. A discussion ensued about the resource areas. **P. Stiglin motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to continue the public hearing on the RDA for MassDOT to August 10, 2015 @ 7PM. The motion passed 5-0.**

Mr. Raza asked the Commission if they would continue it to their second meeting in August. The Commission agreed. *P. Stiglin amended his prior motion, seconded by T. Pitman to continue the public hearing on the RDA for MassDOT to August 24, 2015 @ 7PM. The motion passed 5-0.*

Notification from MassDOT Rail & Transit Division for Housatonic Railroad Bridge Repairs: The Commission reviewed and discussed the letter and information that was sent regarding the Konkapot River and the Hubbard Brook bridges.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed draft minutes from July 13, 2015. *P. Stiglin motioned, with a second from T. Pitman to approve the July 13, 2015 minutes as written. The motion passed 5-0.*

Bills Pending: The Commission reviewed and signed a bills payable.

Review of Forest Cutting Plans: There were no cutting plans to review.

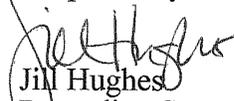
Upcoming Conferences and Mail: There were no conferences or mail to review.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 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 7/13/15; NOI application for Seaboard Solar & proposed Special Conditions document; RDA application for MassDOT; MassDOT Rail & Transit bridge repair documents.

Respectively submitted by:


Jim Hughes
Recording Secretary