



# Town of Sheffield

Planning Board

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## Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 7:00 PM

### TOWN HALL – 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Planning Board Members Present: Chair, David A. Smith Sr.  
James T. Collingwood Jr.  
Peter Cherneff  
Margaret Martin  
Maria Nation arrived at 7:12

#### Public Present:

Barbara and David West, 636 Silver Street

Michael Advocate, 254 S. Undermountain Road

Twiggs Myers, 1250 Berkshire School Road, representing the Sheffield Land Trust

**Filming Meeting:** David West asked the Chair, David Smith Sr., if he could film the Planning Board Meeting this evening. The Chair allowed Mr. West to film the meeting. There was some discussion about whether the public has to be notified in advance that the meeting was being filmed.

#### Review of Minutes:

J. Collingwood made a Motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2013, as written by Alicia Dulin. M. Martin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by all present: D. Smith Sr., M. Martin, P. Cherneff and J. Collingwood.

J. Collingwood made a Motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2013, written by Alicia Dulin, as amended. M. Martin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by all present: D. Smith Sr., M. Martin, P. Cherneff and J. Collingwood.

J. Collingwood made a Motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2013, as written by Nadia Milleron. M. Martin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by all present: D. Smith Sr., M. Martin, P. Cherneff and J. Collingwood.

**Mail:** The Board reviewed the mail they received.

**Cushwa Special Permit Application:** The Board received a letter from Rhonda Cushwa explaining that their family could not attend tonight's meeting and asking to withdraw their Special Permit Application.

James Collingwood made a Motion to allow the Cushwas to withdraw their application without prejudice. Margaret Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Peter Cherneff, David Smith Sr., James Collingwood voting in favor.

Maria Nation arrived after the above motions were passed.

Michael Advocate asked about the Planning Board Decision and the Board said that it is their understanding that the Cushwas will not be prepared to go forward with another application for some time.

**Amending Minutes of April 10, 2013:** D. Smith Sr. noted that the Town Clerk, Felecie Joyce noted a misunderstanding reflected in the April 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. J. Collingwood made a Motion to amend the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2013. M. Martin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved, as amended, by all present: D. Smith Sr., M. Martin, P. Cherneff and J. Collingwood. M. Nation abstained because she had not been present for the discussion.

Board members asked Twiggs Myers about aspects of the Sheffield Land Trust, whether conserved land left the tax rolls and whether the Trust has found a new home. He explained that the Trust has not yet found new offices and that the Trust pays taxes at a chapter 61A rate on conserved land.

The Board discussed rewriting bylaws. Peter Cherneff volunteered to speak with Brian Domina at the Berkshire Planning Commission. Board members discussed how to gather the information necessary.

Margaret Martin made a motion to adjourn the Planning Board meeting. Maria Nation seconded her motion and the Board Members, M. Martin, M. Nation, J. Collingwood, P. Cherneff and D. Smith Sr., all approved the motion.

At 7:40 PM the Planning Board adjourned their regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted



Nadia Milleron  
Secretary to the Planning Board

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Michael Advocate	254 E. Undermountain	Self + wife
David West	636 Silver St	Self
Barbara West	636 Silver St.	Self - one
Twiggy Myers	1250 Portadown School Rd.	Self + Land Trust