



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Townsend,
272 Main Street
Townsend, Massachusetts 01469

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Anne Le Cuyer

James Deroian

Karen Hill

Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 730PM

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1. Open Meeting- MT opened the meeting at 7:30

1.2. Roll Call- Chairman, Michael Turgeon (MT), Vice-Chairman, John Hussey (JH), Karen Hill (KH), Clerk, Christine Vitale (CV) and Anne Le Cuyer (AL) . James Le Cuyer (JL), and James Deroian (JD) were absent.

1.3 Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting -

KH moves to add item 3.6 Discussion on Earth Day to the agenda. JH seconded. All in favor.

1.4 Chair's Report-MT- Spoke with Jim Deroian, he was going to return tonight but has not yet shown up. Drove by 0 Seaver to see firsthand what was going on. Reviewed the bylaw regulation changes sent by the agent.

1.5 Agent's Report-DH- Sent letter to 59 West Meadow Trust pertaining to NPDES permit and suggested that Stan Dillis visit the Land Use department to discuss the process. MT would like to see an NOI and will require a NPDES in the Order of Conditions. Cease and Desist Order was sent to 0 Seaver requiring a wetland delineation be completed before any work could resume. Danny Gardner was in the office on other business and stated that he has hired someone to complete the delineation. MT- we would want the delineation to be completed in the spring for accuracy. 235 Wallace Hill Road was looking for a Certificate of Compliance. NHESP had requested that the silt fencing be removed. The fencing is still in place. We will wait for compliance with NHESP before a COC is issued.

1.6 Review of Minutes –KH moves to approve and release the 1-9-19 minutes with noted changes. CV seconded. All in favor.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Compliance Issues

3.1.2 59 West Meadow Road – discussed in Agent's report

3.1.3 0 Seaver – discussed in Agent's report

3.2 Approve and sign OOC extension for DEP#308-622, 19 Main Street -JH moves to approve extension for DEP#308-622. KH seconded. All in favor.

3.3 Discuss and review the Wetland Regulations – MT- The regulations have not been reviewed or updated in many years. The big question is the 35' no disturb and the 50' no build or disturb. A waiver of the 35'

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should be allowed for access only. DH would like to see intermittent streams defined. Joan Savoy of Adams was present for the discussion. She has an intermittent stream on her property and would like that defined as well. MT would like to see intermittent stream defined as it is in the Wetland Protection Act. Streams coming from a wetland should be jurisdictional. We should protect all vernal pools as well. The purpose of the buffer should be reviewed. DH would like a commissioner to work on the changes with him.

5 Minute recess at 8:35pm

Reopen at 8:40

3.4 Discuss treatment of invasive species – KH would like to see someone from Highway Dept. certified for herbicide application to treat invasive species. JH- The certification is expensive and other companies will seek out our certified employees. KH- we would save money to complete on our own rather than contracting.

3.5 Discuss mitigation options available to the town for violators of the WPA and the TWB- Discussion on how the commission may be able to apply fines in a manner other than monetary. Possibly having violators clean-up areas in town.

3.6 Earth Day Discussion- Earth day is April 27. The commission will have a table this year. CV will volunteer to man the table. Commission will strategize on a theme.

4.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Approval Not Required from Planning Board for 187 North End Road – noted

4.2 Approval Not Required from Planning Board for 142 Pierce Road –KH recuses herself. Noted

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting – Invasive Species, Earth Day

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences – MACC Spring Conference, Saturday, March 2, 2019

7.0 Next meeting: February 13, 2019 at 7:30pm

8.0 Adjournment- JH moves to adjourn at 9:20pm. KH seconded. All in favor.

