



Office of the

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Townsend,  
272 Main Street  
Townsend, Massachusetts 01469

Michael Turgeon, Chairman

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James Deroian, Vice-Chairman

Amelia Gentry

John Hussey

Karen Hill

### Minutes

#### Memorial Hall-Selectmen's Chambers

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 @ 730PM

#### 1.0 Preliminaries

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

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

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

3.1.4 *Complaints regarding Old Meeting House Park*

3.1.5 *Complaints of activity on Highland and Adams*

KH moves to add 3.1.4 and 3.1.5 to the agenda. JH seconds. All in favor.

1.4 **Chair's Report-** MT- will be going over items in the agenda.

1.5 **Agent's Report-** DH absent- no agents reports

1.6 **Review of Minutes -** JH moves to approve and release the 12-6-2017 minutes. KH seconds. All in favor.

#### 2.0 Hearings and Appointments

**2.1 7:45pm Request for Determination of Applicability TWB 2017-133**

**Applicant:** Patricia Levasseur for NHESP

**Location:** 150 Ball Road

**Project:** The proposed project is to create a nesting habitat and may include the removal of 1-3 trees, turning over of soil and maintenance of vegetation located within the buffer zone of a wetland.

MT opened the meeting at 7:45pm, legal notice was read. Patricia Levasseur from NHESP was present. The project is for creating nesting habitat for an endangered species. The project may include the removal of 1-3 trees. Soil will be turned over with rototill and the vegetation in the area will be maintained. KH suggests that there be a 10' buffer in-between the area of the nesting and the tree line. They will be monitoring the area with trail cameras.

JH moves to issue a Negative 3 Determination with the following conditions:

1. They must be exempt from MESA
2. Minimum of a 10' vegetated buffer between the nesting area and the tree line.

KH seconds. All in favor.

KH moves to close the meeting. CV seconds. All in favor.

JH moves for a 5 minute recess. MT seconded. All in favor

MT reopens the meeting at 8:21pm

**2.2 8:00pm Continuation Request for Determination of Applicability TWB 2017-130**

**Applicant:** Gary Shephard

**Location:** 54 Main Street

**Project:** The proposed project is for mowing and maintenance of vegetation located within the river front area.

JH moves to continue to 1-17-18 at 7:45pm

CV seconds. All in favor.

**2.3 8:15pm Continuation Request for Determination of Applicability TWB 2017-129**

**Applicant:** Gary Shephard

**Location:** 47 Main Street

**Project:** The proposed project is for maintaining vegetation for safe line of sight for first responders and fire apparatus entering Rt. 119, located within the buffer of a wetland.

KH moves to continue to 1-17-18 at 8:00pm.

CV seconds. All in favor.

**3.0 Work Session:**

**3.1 Compliance Issues**

**3.1.2** 22 West Meadow Road- Certified letter was sent and received. Spoke to the property owner and will schedule a site visit in the near future.

**3.1.3** 99 West Meadow Road- Certified letter was sent and received. Property owner has not contacted the office.

**3.1.4** Complaints regarding Old Meeting House Park- Cutting that was done at OMHP was conducted by the Boy Scouts. It is unknown to the Commission who is using snowmobiles at the park.

**3.1.5** Complaints of activity on Highland and Adams- Will reach out to the Highway Department in regards to working in areas near a wetland.

**3.2** Approve payment to MACC in the amount of \$55.00 for Lyndsy Butler participation in Webinar- CV moves to approve payment to MACC in the amount of \$55.00 for participation in Unit 104 Webinar. JH seconds. All in favor.

**4.0 Correspondence:**

**4.1** Forest Cutting Plan- Wallace Hill Road – reviewed

**4.2** Forest Cutting Plan- Warren Road – reviewed

**4.3** Forest Cutting Plan- Emery Road –reviewed

**5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting**

**6.0 Advertisements and Conferences**

**7.0 Next meeting: January 17, 2017 at 7:30pm**

**8.0 Adjournment** – CV moves to adjourn at 8:47. MT seconded. All in favor.