



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Townsend,
272 Main Street
Townsend, Massachusetts 01469

Michael Turgeon, Chairman

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James Le Cuyer

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James Deroian, Vice-Chairman

John Hussey

Karen Hill

Minutes

Memorial Hall-Meeting Room II

Wednesday, March 14, 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), James Le Cuyer (JL), Karen Hill (KH) and Amelia Gentry (AG). Clerk, Christine Vitale (CV) and Vice-Chairman, James Deroian (JD) were absent.

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

3.8 Sign Copy of Extension Order for NMRHS

JH moves to add item to the agenda. KH seconded. All in favor.

1.4 Chair's Report- MT- Has been reviewing 529 Main Street and trying to work through the issues. Two letters have been sent requesting proof of agriculture. The attorney is working with 22 West Meadow with the same exemption.

1.5 Agent's Report- DH- Working on a grant with Jim Smith from Highway. The grant is for a culvert replacement. Have left messages with Joe Iodice multiple times. Will continue to reach out to him. MT-We should have a police escort if we visit the property without Mr. Iodice present. 187 North End Road is proposing an Open Space Development. They may be in our jurisdiction.

1.6 Review of Minutes –

KH moves to approve and release the 2-21-18 minutes. AG seconded. All in favor.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Compliance Issues

3.1.2 22 West Meadow Road – NPDES permit is needed. Mr. Craven does not believe that he needs a permit. Will reach out to DEP.

3.1.3 99 West Meadow Road- Will continue to contact landowner.

3.1.4 529 Main Street- Requested they demonstrate that there is a commercial venture, have not received a response. Will make attorney aware that there was a permit issued for this project.

3.2 Sign Amended Order of Conditions for DEP 308- 647- Signed

3.3 Request for amended Determination for TWB 2017-129- Will talk to Mr. Shepherd about other options.

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3.5 Approve and sign membership renewal to NRWA in the amount of \$100- JH moves to approve payment to NRWA. AG seconded. MT-Yes, AG- Yes, JH-No, JL-abstain, KH- would like to get more information on the benefits of the membership. JH moves to add item to 5.0. KH seconded. All in favor.

3.6 Discuss Squannacook River Race- KH- Lions Club will not be holding the race this year and was asked if the Commission had the capacity to sponsor. The town will need to hold the liability. KH will contact the Lions Club for more information on what is involved and also the town Administrator in regards to the liability.

3.7 Approve payment to Karen Hill in the amount of \$180.00 from the WPA account for participation in Invasive Plant Certificate Program. – JH moves to approve. JL seconded. All in favor.

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4.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Letter from Gary Shepherd requesting an amendment to Determination TWB 2017-129 & 130- Read

4.2 Memo from Planning Board in regards to 0 Warren Road – LB will send letter requesting an amendment to the OOC reflecting the changes.

4.3 Mandatory Referral from ZBA in regards to 23 Shirley Road- No comment.

AG will be attending courses this spring and this may interfere with the Con Com meetings. She would like to remain active on the Commission as this is only for 8 weeks. JH- AG can still attend meetings when possible as well as site walks. MT- Stay as involved as you can.

JH moves to grant AG leave from meetings. KH seconded. All in favor.

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting – 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences

7.0 Next meeting: March 28, 2017 at 7:30pm

8.0 Adjournment – JL moves to close the meeting at 8:50. KH seconded. All in favor.