



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Townsend,
272 Main Street
Townsend, Massachusetts 01469

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Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 @ 730PM

1.0 Preliminaries

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

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

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

3.10 Discussion on Earth Day

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

1.4 Chair's Report- MT- will be reporting on 529 Main, which is in compliance.

1.5 Agent's Report- DH- Still working on culvert grant with Jim Smith. 83 Barker Hill Road would like someone to visit. They are looking to install a pipe at the end of driveway to improve the flow of water. JL will go with DH to conduct a site visit.

1.6 Review of Minutes – KH moves to approve and release the 3-14-18 minutes. JH seconded. All in favor.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Compliance Issues

3.1.2 22 West Meadow Road – MT-We believe that they will need a NPDES permit and will pass that along to the issuing authority, which is the EPA. Member of the audience, Veronica Kell asked if this was for the solar panels or sand. MT- sand.

3.1.3 59 West Meadow Road – MT- We are still waiting to hear from Joseph Iodice. Veronica Kell- asked why we went to the site. DH- We received complaints in regards to gravel removal.

3.1.4 529 Main Street- MT- has been going back and forth with the attorney, Mr. Bowen. There may be more issues within the stream. We have been in touch with DEP and are looking for the Dows to show that they qualify for the agriculture exemption. The Amadons have demonstrated that the hay is being harvested for agriculture. JD- is concerned that the bank is not properly stabilized and that it will lead to problems in the future. Discussion went on about the work involved in the permit that was previously issued. Would like to ask DEP if we can hold them responsible if issues arise. MT- We will do another site walk and let DEP know if there are any issues or concerns.

3.2 Discuss request for TWB 2017-129, 130- 47 & 54 Main Street- move to 5.0

3.3 Approve and sign membership renewal to NRWA in the amount of \$100 – CV moves to approve payment to NRWA in the amount of \$100. AG seconded. MT- Yes, JD- Yes, JH-Yes, CV- Yes, AG- Yes. JL-No. KH- abstain

5 minute recess

Return at 8:20

3.4 Discuss Squannacook River Race- KH- Spoke with Town Administrator about the town hosting and he was not in favor because the town would have to hold the liability. Spoke with member of the Lions Club in hopes that they would send a representative to the Con Com meeting to discuss what it entails, but no one was present.

3.5 Approve payment to Karen Hill in the amount of \$180.00 from the WPA account for participation in Invasive Plant Certificate Program. –CV moves to approve reimbursement to KH in the amount of \$180.00 for participation in Invasive Plant Certificate Program.

3.6 Request to amend OOC for DEP 308-604, 10 Boutelle Road – Karen Hill is the applicant. MT- recused himself. She is requesting to amend the OOC to include removal of a berm and stone wall located within the buffer. Site walk was scheduled for Saturday at 9 am.

3.7 Approve payment to MACC in the amount of \$55.00 from the WPA for Karen Hill's participation in Unit 101 Webinar-JH moves to approve payment to MACC in the amount of \$55. CV seconded. All in favor.

Karen Hill received Certificate in Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioner from MACC with the participation of this webinar.

3.8 Review erosion control barrier substitution proposal for Locke Brook Run- Applicant is looking to change erosion control from hay bales to wattles and silt fencing. MT- the change is actually an improvement. All agree.

3.9 Discuss Plan Requirements for TWB Regulations – MT would like PDF requirements for application submission as well as colored 50' no disturb and a better description of the waiver to gain access to upland. DH will draft the changes and we will approve. We will discuss having a public hearing once they are approved.

3.10 Discussion on Earth Day- DH could possibly set up a table.

4.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Letter requesting amendment to OOC issued to DEP 308-604 – 10 Boutelle Road- read

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting – 3.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.2, 3.1.4, Squannacook River cleanup, phragmites

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences

7.0 Next meeting: April 11, 2018 at 7:30pm

8.0 Adjournment – KH moves to adjourn at 9pm. CV seconded. All in favor.