



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Townsend,
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Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 @ 730PM

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1. Open Meeting- JH opened the meeting at 7:38 pm

1.2. Roll Call- John Hussey (JH), James Le Cuyer (JL), Karen Hill (KH) and Amelia Gentry (AG) were present. Chairman, Michael Turgeon (MT) arrived at 7:41. Vice-Chairman, James Deroian (JD) and Clerk, Christine Vitale (CV) were absent.

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

1.4 Chair's Report- None

1.5 Agent's Report- DH- Visited 59 West Meadow. There is a lot of work that will need to be done in terms of off-site filling. Recommends that he files a NOI but would like to visit the site again. There are many resources on the property. JH- suggests that we set a time table to get him moving. Working on the MESA checklist for the Squannacook River Clean-up. We have received multiple complaints regarding Seaver Road. A Forestry Cutting project has been approved. There has been minimal cutting so far. Sent a follow up letter to Baily Road for issues with the erosion controls and will be visiting soon to make sure that they are in compliance.

1.6 Review of Minutes - JH moves to approve and release the 4-25-18 minutes with noted changes. JL seconded. All in favor.

KH moves to approve and release the 5-9-18 minutes with the noted changes. AG seconded. All in favor.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

2.1 7:45pm Continuation of Request for Amended Order of Conditions DEP#308-640

Applicant: Stan Dillis for Joseph Lopalito

Location: Warren Road

Project: Request to change acreage of land offered as mitigation

MT opened the meeting. Stan Dillis and Mr. Lopalito were present. Mr. Lopalito had a copy of a Conservation Restriction (CR) that is used by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA). The CR prevents activity within the restricted area to include no building, filling and or tree clearing. KH- There is a potential for invasive species in that area, the language shouldn't be specific to no cutting as the invasive species may need to be removed from the area. MT- We would like a list of Conservation interests. JL- Could you specify what you would like? MT- All of the interests that are outlined in the Wetland Protection Act and Townsend Wetland Bylaw. We will have this approved by Town Council as well. SD- The only maintenance that will need to be done is the cleaning of the culvert on the

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property. MT- You will want to specify if you do not want the land to be used for recreation. JH- Agriculture should be excluded. MT- think about impacts to the water and restrict those activities. JH- We should exclude Animal Husbandry. KH- Will there be a line or marker of the 35' so that the future owners will know where they are? SD- we can add that if you would like. JL- wanted to bring attention to the fact that this is over 500 square ft. of land being in the buffer zone.

KH moves to continue meeting to 6-13-18 at 7:45pm. JH seconded. All in favor.

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Compliance Issues

3.1.2 59 West Meadow Road – Discussed in the Agents report.

3.2 Discuss “Points of Interest” for MRPC Trail Guide- MRPC is putting together a trail guide and would like to know if there are any features that we would like to have added. KH- we should add Old Meeting House Hill Park, The Reed Homestead, Kozy Kidz Playground and Howard Stein Park.

3.3 Request to amend OOC for DEP#308-604 10 Boutelle Road- MT recuses himself. JH as chair. KH would like to amend the OOC issued for DEP#308-604 to include the installation of a stone wall that was approved in the original orders, but previously amended to exclude. As the project is moving forward there is a need for the stone wall. JH asked if there was any input from the board or the audience. No input. JL moves to return to the original plans approval of the installation of the stone wall at the entrance. JH seconded. All in favor.

MT returned

3.4 Sign Certificate of Compliance for DEP#308-426A 91 Meadow Road- KH moves to approve COC for DEP#308-426A. JH seconded. All in favor.

4.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Amended Superseding Order of Conditions for DEP# 308-604 10 Boutelle Road – noted

4.2 Mandatory Referral from Planning Board in regards to 250 Main St. – No comment

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting - Squannacook River Clean-up, TWB regulation updates.

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences

7.0 Next meeting: June 13, 2018 at 7:30pm

8.0 Adjournment – JH moves to adjourn at 8:45. KH seconded. All in favor.