



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 @ 730PM

1.0 Preliminaries

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

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

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

3.3 *Site walk for 114 Mason Road* – KH moves to add. JH seconded. AIF.

3.4 *Discuss potential amendment to OOC for North Middlesex High School-* KH moves to add. CV seconded. AIF.

1.4 **Chair's Report-** Site visit was conducted at 4 Edwards. Received email from Veronica Kell regarding 7 Trophy. Email was read into the record. Mrs. Kell was concerned that the Order of Conditions for 7 Trophy had not been recorded and work had begun. MT- We will work on a pre-construction check list for applicants so that they will know the appropriate steps to take before the start of work. Email was also received from Jennifer Pettit. Mrs. Pettit had questions regarding the species plan at 7 Trophy. She was advised to contact Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) as they are the enforcing agency. Mrs. Pettit had complained about response time for requests that she had made. Mrs. Pettit did not make any formal public records requests and had been advised that she needs to follow the process set out in Mass General Law.

1.5 **Agent's Report-** Dave Henkels (DH) was absent.

1.6 **Review of Minutes** – JH moves to approve and release the June 23, 18 minutes. KH seconded. AIF.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

2.1 7:45pm **Notice of Intent DEP#308-**

Applicant: Stan Dillis for Gary Shepherd

Location: 177 Lunenburg Road

Project: The proposed project is for the restoration of a wetland and buffer zone areas.
The project is located within the ACEC.

MT opened the hearing. Legal notice was read. Stan Dillis and Gary Shepherd were present. The proposed project is for the restoration of a wetland. They are proposing a restoration mix of plantings in an area that had been altered. DEP has not yet issued a filing #. DH had some concerns and sent them to the Commission via email. MT gave SD a copy of DH concerns and comments. JH- When was the wetland line drawn? SD- approximately 5 years ago. MT is confident in the line drawn by DEP as it is hydraulic and wouldn't change

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much. Julia Stockwell, abutter, remembers that the land was clear-cut in 2007. GS- We will do whatever is suggested by the Commission. MT- Once you start removing soil in the area we can check it to see if the line has changed. We will add a condition to fine tune the line if there are changes in the soil. JH moves to continue to 7-11-18 at 8:15pm. CV seconded. All in favor.

2.2 8:005pm Request for Determination of Applicability TWB 2018-138

Applicant: Keith Boudreau

Location: 2 Old Battery Road

Project: The proposed project is for construction of a three season room located within the buffer of a wetland and in the ACEC.

MT opened the hearing, legal notice was read. Applicant Keith Boudreau was present. DH had visited the site previously. Proposed project is for the installation of a 15 x 15 three season room located within the riverfront area. Small machine will be used to install sonotubes. MT erosion control should be installed.

AG moves to issue a Negative 2 Determination with the condition that straw wattles be installed between work area and lawn. CV seconded. All in favor.

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

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Compliance Issues

3.1.2 4 Edwards/ Todd - Site walk was conducted and soil samples were taken. DH and LB went out and marked the 35' No Disturb. Homeowner was present and had photos from 2016 when JH visited the property. Photos show no indication of wetland. MT- We will have you file an RDA for any work going forward. KH moves to waive the fee for the RDA. JH seconded. All in favor.

3.1.3 59 West meadow – Letter was sent to landowner 6-26-18

3.1.4 235 Wallace Hill – NHESP advised applicant to remove silt fencing and wait until October 15th to finish seeding the lawn.

3.2 Squannacook River Clean-up – KH has made some flyers and is selling water bottles to support the clean-up. Volunteers wanted.

3.3 Site walk for 114 Mason Road – Site walk set for Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 9am

3.4 Discuss potential amendment to OOC for North Middlesex High School- Heidi Messing was representing North Middlesex High School Building committee. They are looking to repair a garage that is located next to a wetland and would like to know how the commission wants them to proceed. MT- There is a 50' no build, we can make a finding that it would be more beneficial to leave existing failing wall, filling in the area and planting. It is more beneficial to have vegetation there. MT asked that an amendment be submitted on the "as built plan".

4.0 Correspondence:

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

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting- Squannacook River Clean-up, 59 West Meadow

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences

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

8.0 Adjournment – CV moves to adjourn at 9:30. KH seconded. All in favor.