



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Townsend,
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Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:00PM

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1. Open Meeting – John Hussey (JH) opened at 7:00pm

1.2. Roll Call – Anne LeCuyer (AL), John Hussey (JH), James LeCuyer (JL), Karen Hill (KH) present.
Michael Turgeon (MT) and James Deroian (JD) are absent.

1.3 Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting –
Add Stan Dillis to Item 3.3 in the agenda; KH motioned to add; JL & AL seconded AIF

1.4 Chair's Report – none at this time

1.5 Agent's Report – Agent will address items throughout the meeting

1.6 Review of Minutes - minutes deferred due to the computer issues

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

2.1 7:05 pm Request for Determination of Applicability TWB #2019-161

Applicant: William Cadogan & Joan Savoy

Location: 35 Adams Road

Project: Installation of a ground mounted solar, construction of a two car garage and extension of driveway.

JH opened at 7:07pm; Bill Cadogan (BC) presented revised plans showing existing driveway and driveway extension which is slightly in 100ft buffer. BC advised he is still not sure of trenches – he has to get DigSafe in due to existing pipes in the ground. JL requested a complete set of plans showing the planned trenches; JH reiterated he wants to see the trenches on the plans; BC advised he operates as a tree farm and requested an agricultural exemption – KH advised this is not on the agenda for tonight; BC is very concerned he is running out of time to accomplish his project; KH, JL & JH reiterated they need to see the trenching on the plans; BC requested a continuation. Solar contractor asked for clarification if anything besides the trenching needs to be shown on the plans. JH reiterated that all the work needs to be shown on the plans and to avoid the 35' no disturb area. KH motioned to continue to next meeting; AL seconded AIF.

2.2 7:20 pm Continuation of Notice of Intent DEP#308-665

Applicant: Ducharme & Dillis for Diane Silva

Location: 59 West Meadow Road

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Project: The proposed project is to restore historic wetlands and grades within the buffer zone to a 3/1 slope. Project is located within the ACEC and Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife

JH opened the hearing at 7:19pm, Stan Dillis present and advised the applicant had a biologist study done and met with NHESP and Conservation Agent. KH motioned to continue to next meeting; AL seconded AIF.

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Ratify Emergency Certification for Emery Road

DH advised the soil borings failed and there is a gas leak so DH signed an Emergency Certification. KH motioned to ratify and sign the Emergency Certification, JL seconded; AIF.

3.2 Approve and sign bill payable voucher for \$32.00 for Mass Audubon membership

KH motioned to approve and sign, AL seconded AIF. Signed

3.3 Stan Dillis – discussed conservation restriction on Coffee Farm 4 lot subdivision – regulations require a fire cistern; neighbors have a pond and they suggested to install a hydrant in pond to make it a fire pond and protect whole neighborhood; Stan advised the Fire Department supported it. Stan asked if the Conservation Commission would object to that plan; the pond is less than 5000' & 14ft deep. KH asked if any NHESP habitat are at the site; Stan advised not sure at this time and if project proceeds will file either a Request for Determination or Notice of Intent.

4.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Nashua River Watershed 50th Anniversary Celebration Saturday Nov. 2, 2019 7pm Devens Common Center – JH reviewed

4.2 Unifit Herbiicide Application notice – DH reviewed

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting:

5.1 Notice of Intent for 8 New Fitchburg Road septic system - JL asked if we had any plans – Leigh confirmed yes.

5.2 Request for Determination of Applicability to replace a blocked and broken culvert on Fessenden Hill Road in Townsend State Forest

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences – upcoming MACC Conference in Devens

7.0 Next meeting: October 9, 2019 7pm

8.0 Adjournment - JL motioned to adjourn 7:30pm; KH seconded AIF