



Office of the

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Townsend, Massachusetts 01469

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### Minutes

#### Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:00PM

#### 1.0 Preliminaries

**1.1. Open Meeting** – Mike Turgeon opened 7:00pm and acknowledged recording; resident Bill Cadogan also recording.

**1.2. Roll Call** – Anne LeCuyer (AL), John Hussey (JH), Mike Turgeon (MT), Karen Hill (KH), Jim LeCuyer (JL), Jim Deroian (JD) all present.

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

*Add 3.3: Letter of Support for MVP Grant*

*Add: 4.2 Fall Workshops*

*Correct 2.1 to read Abbreviated Notice of Intent – DEP #308-671*

*KH motioned to add all items in their appropriate place in the agenda, JL seconded. AIF*

**1.4 Chair's Report** – MT advised Conservation office is having phone & computer issues & website has been updated advising to send an email to contact us until resolved.

**1.5 Agent's Report** – Dave Henkels (DH) will address items throughout the meeting

**1.6 Review of Minutes** – MT advised these are deferred due to the computer issues

#### 2.0 Hearings and Appointments

**2.1 7:05 pm Continuation of Request for Abbreviated Notice of Intent – DEP #308-671**

**Applicant:** William Cadogan & Joan Savoy

**Location:** 35 Adams Road

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

*MT opened at 7:05pm & confirmed the public notice, green mailing cards & abutters list are complete; handwritten abutters list was accepted. Resident Bill Cadogan (BC) reviewed plans; electric trenching will be in driveway; array is going to be placed on 6 pins on existing lawn and more than 35' away from resource area; garage size reduced so it is now out of buffer zone; BC reiterated the water run-off is downstream of the resource area and the land is contoured with many flat areas due to its previous usage; Joan Savoy (JS) requested we confirm the plans are the most current - confirmed and initialed a scribble on the plans. JH asked about how the solar array pins are installed; Mary, the Project Manager with solar contractor, presented the plans and explained the pins are driven into the ground - no soil dug or concrete poured; JH asked what happens if the pins cannot be installed due to rock in ground; Mary explained that work would stop and pins would have to be moved if it is not possible to*

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penetrate the rock. MT advised that the solar contractor can work with Dave to coordinate if the pins need to be moved if they are being moved farther away or same distance; the Conservation Commission will add a condition to coordinate with Dave; if the pins need to be moved closer, they would have to come back to the Commission. KH asked if the proposed limit of work is the straw waddles; BC explained he has waddle at tree line; JS confirmed only one tread of a mini-excavator would enter buffer zone on north wall; MT requested a motion to issued standard Order of Conditions with one Special condition if the array needs to be moved for construction issues, it may be moved either further away or same distance from wetland with coordination with Agent; if array has to be moved closer to wetland, come back before the Commission; KH motioned, JH & JL seconded, AIF. KH motioned to close hearing, JH seconded, AIF.

### **3.0 Work Session:**

**3.1** Locke Brooke Solar LLC, DEP #308-662 Discussion to review amended site plans and work regarding the detention pond.

JD asked if has to abstain because he is an abutter; he is recusing himself. DH advised MADOT has to reconfigure a driveway area at the northeast area of the detention basin. Disturbance of approximately 600sq ft of a 23,000 sq ft detention basin; the reconfiguration is needed for better access to the bridge replacement project on West Meadow Road. MADOT has agreed with the owner and applicant to replace the driveway area with seed and loam and plants expected to be planted on West Meadow Road as part of the Order of Conditions; MT indicated if they not adding fill and they are increasing mitigation, DH can coordinate with them & the As-Built reflects any changes; if they can't do it without being less impactful to the resource area or mitigation area, then an amendment would be needed. KH reiterated moving the driveway is a win-win;

KH motioned to allow Agent to work with Locke Brooke Solar on minor amendments to the approved design that are less impactful and report any changes on the Request for a Certificate of Compliance; if any changes are more impactful the Agent will advise them to file an amendment; JH seconded, AIF.

**3.2** Approve & sign bill payable voucher for \$115.00 to MACC for Jim LeCuyer's Fall Conference  
AL motioned to sign and approve; JH seconded; AIF.

**3.3** Letter of Support for MVP grant

Leigh Reddin (LR) presented information on the MVP grant – it will open other funding opportunities if we support the initiative; LR will prepare a letter based on provided template for the Commission to sign.

### **4.0 Correspondence:**

**4.1** Invitation to Nashua River Watershed 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party 11/2/2019  
MT reviewed the invite

**4.2** Fall Workshops  
Planning Department shared schedule of workshops mostly relevant to zoning and planning issues

### **5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting:**

DH advised a historical summary of 59 West Meadow Road is pending; we are still waiting on wildlife biologist and Stan Dillis emailed for a continuance. MT asked for a motion to add 59 West Meadow Road Notice of Intent to the agenda at 2.2 – KH motioned to add, JH & JL seconded AIF. MT opened the hearing and Agent confirmed a continuance was requested via email – KH motioned to continue the hearing to next meeting, JH seconded, AIF. MT confirmed typo in date for next meeting – should be 13<sup>th</sup> not 27<sup>th</sup>

*JD asked if he can be involved in 59 West Meadow because he is not haying their fields anymore; he is concerned about lack of progress and would like to be more active; MT reiterated if he is a direct abutter, he should be recuse himself and contact the Ethics Commission for guidance; if its someone JD has done business with in the past, he can provide a disclosure. MT also reiterated that if JD sees violations, he can advise Agent and then recuse himself if it's an abutter. JD reiterated he is awaiting guidance from Ethics. Resident Jennifer Pettit (JP) also spoke up and added she has concerns about the property too; DH reiterated to advise him if violations are seen.*

**6.0 Advertisements and Conferences – none**

**7.0 Next meeting: November 27, 2019 at 7:00pm - MT confirmed typo in date for next meeting – should be 13<sup>th</sup> not 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8.0 Adjournment – JL motioned to adjourn; AL seconded, AIF.**