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Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 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, John Hussey (JH), James Le Cuyer (JL), Karen Hill (KH), and Anne Le Cuyer (AL) . 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 - none**

1.4 **Chair's Report-** Will address items as they come on the agenda

1.5 **Agent's Report -** Will address items as they come on the agenda

1.6 **Review of Minutes –** Move to 5.0

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

2.1 7:45pm **Javier Marin – Department of Agricultural Resources**

Discussion on Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive species that has been recently discovered in Townsend. Javier represents the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources in an initiative to promote outreach and management practices. The species is native to Asia, China, Japan, Korea and Russia. The larva stage is the problem as it settles under the tree bark, stressing out the tree and eventually causing death. Management includes treatment through injections. The trees will begin to lose their canopy. A certified arborists will be able to tell you if the tree is worth saving. One of the greatest concerns is the vitality of the trees. Removing the tree before it causes damage is more cost effective and less dangerous. Javier suggests taking an inventory of the Ash trees in the community and monitoring the damage.

2.2 8:00pm **Notice of Intent DEP#308-**

Applicant: Squannacook Greenways, Inc.

Location: MBTA parcels located south of Route 119, starting at Depot Street and ending at the Townsend-Groton town line

Project: The proposed project is for the construction of a public access trail. Project is located within the riverfront area, ACEC and NHESP.

MT opened the hearing, Steve Meehan was present representing Squannacook Greenways and Stan Dillis. Dep has not yet issued a number. SD delineated the area and located all the resource areas, improved the parking area. DH had some questions in regards to the machinery that will be used in the removal of the railway. SM- The ties will be removed with an excavator and brought back to a staging area located on

Meetinghouse Road. DH – Where will the removed soil go? SM- We will use best management practices for the removal. SD- The slope will be stabilized, erosion controls will be used, and a retaining wall will be built to stabilize the area. They have filed an ENF and there were not any alternatives. Work will be conducted November – March. Dust will be controlled with water. There is one culvert that has a large rock in it which will be removed with a machine. The parking area is for seven vehicles. Native vegetation will be planted. A member of the community was present and concerned about the staging area as it is close to the resource area and in her backyard. The staging area will be staked out for the site walk to ensure that they are not on private property.

KH moves to continue to 6-12-19. JL seconded. All in favor.

Break for a 5 minute recess

2.3 8:15pm Continuation of Notice of Intent DEP#308-667

Applicant: David E. Ross Associates for R & S Realty, LLC

Location: Highland Street

Project: The proposed project is for the construction of a single-family dwelling, well and sewage disposal system with portions of work within the 100’ buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetlands.

MT opened the meeting. Neil Gorman was present. Meeting was continued because a DEP # had not been issued. John Barrett was present and was concerned with the project and the possible effects on the resource areas. MT explained that the applicants followed the process and have met all the requirements.

JL moves to issue a Standard Order of Conditions with a condition that boulders be placed along the area to be left naturally vegetated. KH seconded. JL moves to amend, adding that the boulders be placed no more than 7’ apart. AL seconded. All in favor.

KH moves to close the hearing. JL seconded. All in favor.

2.4 8:30pm Continuation Notice of Intent TWB#2019-156

Applicant: Ducharme & Dillis for WK Realty Trust

Location: 27 Scales Lane

Project: The proposed project is for the installation of a driveway and grading located within the buffer zone of a wetland.

MT opened the meeting. Stan Dillis was present. Changes have been made to the stormwater basin. Invasive species around the resource area will be dug up and removed. DH reviewed the stormwater report and was satisfied. The project has been to the Planning Board and will undergo peer review. The commission would like to see sediment removed from the wetland after the project is completed.

JH moves to issue a Standard Order of Conditions with the following conditions:

1. No use of wetlands for irrigation
2. Siltation be removed once the site is stable.

JL seconded. All in favor

KH moves to close the hearing. JH seconded. All in favor.

2.5 8:45pm Continuation of Notice of Intent DEP#308-665

Applicant: Ducharme & Dillis for Diane Silva

Location: 59 West Meadow Road

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
Applicant has requested to continue to 6/12/19.

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Compliance Issues

3.1.2 28 Adams Road – RDA has been filed and will be on the next agenda.

3.2 Reappoint James Le'Cuyer to the Conservation Commission for a term ending 6/30/22- JH moves to reappoint James Le'Cuyer to the Conservation Commission for a term ending 6/30/22. KH seconded. All in favor.

3.3 Reappoint Michael Turgeon to the Conservation Commission for a term ending 6/30/22- AL moves to reappoint Michael Turgeon to the Conservation Commission for a term ending 6/30/22. KH seconded. All in favor.

3.4 Sign Order of Conditions for DEP#308-666, Pierce Road, Lot 3- signed

3.5 Discuss hearing procedures- Meeting will move from 7:30 to 7:00 pm. We will no longer read the legal notice as it is not a requirement.

4.0 Correspondence:

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting – 1.6, EAB Outreach and Management, 59 West Meadow

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences

7.0 Next meeting: June 12, 2019 at 7:30pm

8.0 Adjournment – JH moves to adjourn at 10:00 pm. KH seconded. All in favor.

