



Office of the

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Townsend,  
272 Main Street  
Townsend, Massachusetts 01469

Michael Turgeon, Chairman

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James Deroian

James Le Cuyer

Karen Hill

### Minutes

#### Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 7:00PM

#### 1.0 Preliminaries

**1.1 Open Meeting-** MT opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

**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 not present (JD)

**1.3 Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**  
*none*

**1.4 Chair's Report-** MT invited Joan Savoy to speak as she wanted to be on the agenda. MT will address items throughout the agenda. MT read Selectmens policies and Public Comment policy; allowed resident Joan Savoy (JS) to read her letter to Commission regarding her rescission of RDA; MT stopped JS during her read in accordance with policies that discussion of personnel not allowed as well as negative comments and accusations are not permitted; JS raised concerns that meeting minutes had been posted and taken down from website and re-posted; MT addressed the concern by explaining the 6/12/2019 meeting was the meeting where the 5/8/19 & 5/22/2019 meetings both had to be approved and corrections were made to those minutes and approved on 6/12/2019. Jennifer Pettit (JP) was present and requested that her hand written letter dated 5/8/2019 be reviewed again as MT commented that the property was not in Zone 1 and JP believed that she did not reference Zone 1 and would like minutes amended if needed; we will review the letter.

**1.5 Agent's Report --** DH- Will address items throughout the agenda

**1.6 Review of Minutes --** Motioned by KH to approve and release the 6-12-19 minutes. JH seconded. All in favor.

#### 2.0 Hearings and Appointments

**2.1 7:30pm** Continuation of Notice of Intent DEP#308-669

**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. Stan Dillis (SD) was present as well as Peter Cunningham (PC) representing Squannacook Greenways, Inc. PC acknowledged that additional filing fees and a stormwater permit will be

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required as this is a Category 2J. Fees should total additional \$390; MT requested copy of the transmittal sheet when he remits checks. SD reviewed his 6/26/2019 letter to the Commission regarding a site walk conducted same day & options to benefit the wetland west of Old Meetinghouse RD via removal of the railroad ties and rails. KH questioned removal of invasive species and future management; MT reviewed plans and questioned removal of soil and vegetation to create a handicap accessible slope; SD advised removal of rails and re-grading of slope would benefit area; JH requested SD to provide degree of slope. Peter Cunningham reiterated the lease agreement with MBTA requires ADA compliance. MT requested a more detailed assessment of area and specifically to include in record that the MBTA lease requires ADA compliance; KH requested info on how the invasives would be removed – either by manual, spray, or mechanical; MT requested more info from SD on staging area and if Unifit and Sterilite will allow usage of their areas to reduce usage of Old Meetinghouse Rd. PC asked for a list of items the Commission would like; MT would like all options considered to mitigate impact on wetland soil and vegetation and information on the ADA compliance requirement.

KH motioned to continue to 7-10 at 7:05 pm. JL seconded. All in favor.

**2.2 7:20 pm 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

MT opened the hearing at 7:50pm. SD indicated no new information right now.

JL motioned to continue to 7-10 7:20pm, KH seconded; all in favor

**3.0 Work Session:**

**3.1 Compliance Issues-**

DH: 231 Brookline Ave – DEP contacted by anonymous caller that work being done with no erosion controls to protect culvert; resident cooperative and has installed hay bales.

MT: 59 West Meadow – can DH ask legal about fines; DH recapped that owners are non-responsive and NHESP has also notified owners of fines; DH will look into fines.

**3.2** Discuss EAB Outreach and Management – Lyndsy Butler (LB) advised that information has been posted to town website and she has spoken to tree warden who advised Townsend does not have many Ash trees.

**3.3** Sign Determination of Applicability for 28 Adams Road, TWB#2019-158 – signed

KH motioned to amend vote from negative 3 to negative 5; seconded by JH; all in favor

**3.4** Sign Order of Resource Area Delineation for DEP#308-668, TWB#2019-159 for 0 Seaver – signed

**3.5** Sign copy of Order of Conditions for DEP#308-665, 520 Main Street – only 1 original - signed

**3.6** Ratify Emergency Certificate for beaver dam removal at Ash Street – DH will look at the dam and report back

**4.0 Correspondence:**

**4.1** Letter from UMASS Extension recognizing Karen Hill's completion of Invasive Plant Management – MT read the letter aloud

**4.2** n/a

**4.3** Approval Not Required from planning board in regards to 44 Warren Road

**5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting** – 59 West Meadow; continuation of the rail trail; review of Jennifer Pettit's handwritten letter dated 5/8/2019 to clarify if previous meeting minutes need to be amended; beaver dam on Ash Street

**6.0 Advertisements and Conferences** – nothing came up

**7.0 Next meeting: July 10, 2019 at 7:00pm**

**8.0 Adjournment** – JL motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm. JH seconded. All in favor.