



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Townsend,
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Michael Turgeon, Chairman

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John Hussey

Karen Hill

Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 730PM

1.0 Preliminaries

- 1.1. **Open Meeting-** MT opened the meeting at 7:30 pm
- 1.2. **Roll Call-** Chairman, Michael Turgeon (MT), John Hussey (JH), James Le Cuyer (JL), Karen Hill (KH), and Clerk, Christine Vitale (CV). Vice-Chairman, James Deroian (JD) was absent.
- 1.3 **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
 - 3.7 *Discuss participation at Community Volunteer Fair*
 - 3.8 *Amendment to TWB#2017-114 11 Sauna Row Road*
- KH moves to add items to the agenda. JH seconded. All in favor
- 1.4 **Chair's Report- Mt-** Items will be addressed in the agenda.
- 1.5 **Agent's Report- Dave Henkels (DH)-** NPDES Annual Report will need to be filed by October 1, 2018. Have been trying to collaborate with the various departments. Jim Smith from the Highway Department has been exceptionally helpful in gathering information. Will be sending out letter to new residents who may have potential wetland on their property. Letter will notify them of their obligation to file with the Commission.
- 1.6 **Review of Minutes** – JH moves to approve and release the 8-8-18 minutes with noted corrections. CV seconded. All in favor.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

- 2.1 7:45pm** **Continuation of Notice of Intent DEP#308-660**
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

Hearing was closed and project was approved at the 8-8-18 meeting. Order of Conditions was signed by the Commission.

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Compliance Issues

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3.1.2 59 West Meadow Road – DH had sent out enforcement order on August 23, has not yet received return receipt. Order noted that a NOI was to be submitted by 9-23-18. MT- we should issue a fine for lack of response. An initial fine is a clear indicator that we would like them to take this seriously. They could be fined for everyday that the enforcement has been in place. JH moves to ratify the enforcement order. JL seconded. All in favor.

3.1.3 40 Scales Lane – Stan Dillis was in the office and said that he would be filing on behalf of 40 Scales Lane. DH spoke with Brett King as he has called and stopped by the office. Mr. King was told that he did not have a financial interest in the property and the issue couldn't be discussed further. KH had noticed that the dirt piles had no weeds. DH had cross referenced photos from each visit and did not notice any changes or further work.

3.2 Squannacook River Clean-up- waiting to hear from Pat Huckery at Fish & Wildlife as she was going to walk the state owned property located down near the harbor.

3.3 Discuss Old Meetinghouse Park – KH has contacted the Conway School to see what they can offer. The Commission would like to enhance OMHP and add more value. Possibly a community garden, or wet meadow, possibly open up to camping.

3.4 Approve and Sign Certificate of Compliance for 166 Fitchburg Road DEP#308-567- KH moves to approve and issue Certificate of Compliance for DEP#308-567 166 Fitchburg Road. JH seconded. All in favor.

3.5 Vote to sign Restriction for DEP308-640 Warren Road out of scheduled meeting with Town Clerk Notary- Kathy Spofford was present to notarize restriction. Restriction was previously approved by the commission.

3.6 Discuss citizen concern with UNITIL's use of Cambistat- Tree Growth Regulator – DH spoke with an individual from UNITIL. Citizen came into the office and wanted to know what the commission stance was and if they were going to inform the public of possible harm. MT- We will send a letter to UNITIL with some questions. We would like to know what the effects are on wildlife and fisheries. Can the chemical get into the water table?

3.7 Discuss participation at Community Volunteer Fair – Commission will think about how they would like to get involved.

3.8 Amendment to TWB#2017-114 11 Sauna Row Road – Applicant is looking to remove three trees that are approximately 90' from the wetland and one dead tree located within 20' of the wetland. JH moves to approve amendment TWB#2017-114. CV seconded. All in favor.

4.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Resignation notice from Amelia Gentry- MT- Amelia did a great job while she was here and we will miss her.

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting – Conservation land located on Lunenburg Road, Old Meetinghouse Park, Scales Lane, Land Acquisition Account, and Officer Appointments.

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences – MACC Fall Conference, October 10, 2018

7.0 Next meeting: September 12, 2018 at 7:30pm

8.0 Adjournment – JH moves to adjourn at 9:08 pm. JL seconded. All in favor.

