



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 730PM

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1. **Open Meeting-** MT opened the meeting at 7:30pm

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** - None

1.4 **Chair's Report-** Will discuss items in the agenda.

1.5 **Agent's Report-** Dave Henkels (DH) was absent.

1.6 **Review of Minutes** – JH moves to approve and release the 7-25-18 minutes, KH seconded. All in favor.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

2.1 7:45pm Continuation of Notice of Intent DEP# 308- 659

Applicant: Tim Beauchman for Steven & Lisa Dediego

Location: 114 Mason Road

Project: Addition to existing single family dwelling and replacement septic system located within the buffer of a wetland, the ACEC and NHESP.

MT opened the meeting. Steven Dediego was present. Project was reviewed at the last hearing, however, DEP had not yet issued a number. Project was exempt from MESA filing, letter from NHESP had been reviewed previously. Project is for the replacement of a septic and addition located within the buffer of a wetland.

KH moves to issue a Standard Order of Conditions. CV seconded. All in favor.

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

2.2 8:00pm 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

MT opened the hearing. Stan Dillis was present and had submitted a revised plan as well as update Notice of Intent to include restoration. SD- The proposed wet meadow will create new habitat where what is in there now is not creating any habitat. KH- What will be planted? SD- wildflowers. KH- Will the 35' be marked?

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SD- We can add that if you would like. MT- We would like the wetland edge defined and will allow one mowing per year. Many types of barriers were discussed. Demarcation will ultimately be decided by the field agent.

KH moves to approve the project and issue an Order of Conditions with the following special conditions:

1. Mowing allowed once per year in the fall in the wet meadow. Standard mowing practices for upland field.
2. The wet meadows boundary will be demarcated. The method for the demarcation will be determined after the final wetland boundary has been determined in the field. The agent will have the authority to approve the demarcation method.
3. The delineation established by Mass DEP will be confirmed by the field observation during excavation stage of the restoration. The owner will contact the Commission if they find evidence to support an adjustment of the boundary. The Commission and/ or Agent will review the evidence and any proposed changes will be submitted as a minor change for the Commission's approval.
4. In lieu of 22 highbush blueberry, the shrub layer will be 11 highbush blueberries and 11 winterberries.

JL seconded. All in favor.

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

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Compliance Issues

3.1.2 59 West Meadow Road- Land owner was granted a two week extension to file a Notice of Intent. This should have been received by July 22. JH moves to begin enforcement. JL seconded. All in favor. MT- DH will draft enforcement order and we will approve at the next meeting.

3.1.3 40 Scales Lane – Stand Dillis was present and will be working on submitting something on their behalf.

3.2 Approve and sign Certificate of Compliance for DEP#308-563 75 Barker Hill Road – KH moves to approve COC for Dep#308-563. CV seconded. All in favor.

3.3 Squannacook River Clean-up –Move to 5.0

3.4 Approve Payment to Middlesex Conservation District in the amount of \$45.00 for Lyndsy Butler participation in Erosion Control Field Day. JH moves to approve payment to Middlesex Conservation District in the amount of \$45.00 for Lyndsy Butler to attend Erosion Control Field Day. KH seconded. All in favor.

4.0 Correspondence:

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting – 59 West Meadow, 40 Scales Lane, Squannacook River Clean-up, and Old Meetinghouse Park.

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences – Erosion Control Field Day, September 12, 2018 at Assabet River national Wildlife Refuge Center

7.0 Next meeting: August 22, 2018 at 7:30pm

8.0 Adjournment – CV moves to adjourn at 8:45pm. KH seconded. All in favor.

