



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Townsend,
272 Main Street
Townsend, Massachusetts 01469

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John Hussey

Karen Hill

Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 730PM

1.0 Preliminaries

- 1.1. **Open Meeting-** MT opened the meeting at 7:31 pm.
- 1.2. **Roll Call-** Chairman, Michael Turgeon (MT), John Hussey (JH), James Le Cuyer (JL) and Karen Hill (KH). Vice-Chairman 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**
- 1.4 **Chair's Report-**Site visit was conducted at 59 West Meadow, which will be addressed in the agenda.
- 1.5 **Agent's Report-** Dave Henkels (DH) was present, items will be discussed throughout the agenda.
- 1.6 **Review of Minutes** – JH moves to approve and release the 8-29-18 minutes. KH seconded. All in favor.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

2.1 7:45pm Notice of Intent DEP #308-661 512 Main Street
Applicant: Tighe & Bond for Townsend Water Department
Location: 512 Main Street
Project:

The proposed project is for the removal and replacement of an access bridge located within the riverfront area and ACEC.

MT opened the hearing. Melissa Coady, Project Manager for Tighe & Bond was present. The project is for the removal and replacement of an access bridge. The bridge is the pathway between Main Street and the treatment center. The channel is much vegetated. The foundation will be reconstructed, supporting the entire bridge. They will need to excavate 10-12' down and will have full staging area for fill, siltation fencing will be installed as well. They will not need to bypass flow as the work area is not within the area of flow. There will be no increase to the impervious area. Dewatering is anticipated and will discharge to a filtered silt sack upland. The old deck and railing will be removed, pre-existing abutments will remain in place. The bridge to be installed is pre-engineered off site. No matting will be used as all equipment will be hoisted over the area with a crane. DH will inspect the siltation fencing prior to the start of work.

KH moves to issue a Standard Order of Condition to DEP#308-661. JH seconded. All in favor.

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

2.2 8:00pm **Amendment to Notice of Intent DEP# 308-622 North Middlesex**
Applicant: **Heidi Messing for North Middlesex High School**
Location: **19 Main Street**
Project: The proposed project is for the reconstruction of an existing garage located within the buffer of a wetland. Proposed work has been designed to minimize excavation and disturbance near the wetland.

Heidi Messing (HM) was present on behalf of the NMRHS Building Committee. HM came before the board previously seeking their opinion on a garage that needed repair/ removal, located next to a wetland. HD had a plan prepared showing the detail of the repairs. The rear wall of the garage will be cut down as far as it can and then filled with clean fill and seeded. The garage will be built upon the existing front wall. The new footprint is a little wider than the original and within the 50' No Build. The structure will have three bays with a trench drain inside. There will be running water but not heat. The well from the previous structure will be abandoned. MT- We will waive the 50' No Build as they are moving an existing structure away from a wetland.

JH moves to accept the plan dated 8-6-18 and amend the Order of Conditions issued to DEP#3058-622. KH seconded. All in favor.

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

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Compliance Issues

3.1.2 59 West Meadow Road – Two site walks had been conducted, one with members of the commission and Diane Iodice and a more recent one with Stan Dillis, who will be filing on behalf of the landowner. It was discussed with SD that an ANRAD would be the best place to start. We need to know what the resource areas are and will go from there. The property is listed for sale.

3.1.3 40 Scales Lane- Stan Dillis will be filing an ANRAD sometime in the near future. We will be going out with him soon for soil sampling.

3.2 Appointment of officers- move to 5.0

3.3 Discuss Cambistat question and answers from Unitil – DH has drafted a response to Unitil. JH would like Unitil to attend a meeting to answer all of our concerns. The application of Cambistat was not addressed when representatives attended the recent Board of Selectmen's meeting.

3.4 Discuss Land Acquisition account – KH has been inquired with the Town Accountant if the language in the Land Acquisition account allows for maintenance of Conservation's properties. No language has been found. This may be something that we will have to work with town counsel on and have approved at Town Meeting.

3.5 Discuss Conservation Land on Lunenburg Road- Mass Fish and Wildlife have grants available for certain projects. We will look into the process and requirements.

3.6 Discuss Astro-turf at North Middlesex High School – KH learned that North Middlesex is looking to lease an astro-turf field. DH will see if the area is within jurisdiction.

4.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Volunteer response form from Anne LeCuyer- Anne LeCuyer was present and discussed her interest in joining the commission. MT recommended that she attend a few meetings to see if this is something she would like to commit to.

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting – Appointment of Officers, Unitil, Land Acquisition account, 40 Scales Lane, 59 W. Meadow

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences – MACC annual Fall Conference October 20, 2018

7.0 Next meeting: September 26, 2018 at 7:30pm

8.0 Adjournment – JH moves to adjourn at 8:57 pm. KH seconded. All in favor.

