## CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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Karen Hill, Chairperson

John Hussey, Vice Chair

James Deroian James LeCuyer Anne LeCuyer, Clerk Dalton Wagman Jenifer Eaton **Minutes** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00PM Zoom Meeting

1.0 KH Opened the meeting at 7:05.

1.2 Roll Call: DW (P) remote; JH (P) remote; AL (P); JL (P); JD (A); JE (P); KH (P) 1.3 Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting: KH added: 4.3 Letter from Beth Faxon, Townsend Planning Board Administrator, dated 4/26/2021, Re: MVP Action Grant. 4.4 Letter from Beth Faxon, Townsend Planning and Zoning Administrator, dated 4/26/2021 Re: MVP Action Grant meeting detail. 3.4 Brief discussion Fish and Wildlife Restoration Project 7:06 AL made a motion to add topics to agenda; JL seconded Roll call vote was taken: DW (A); JE (Y); AL (Y); JL (Y); JH (Y); KH (Y

7:08 AL made a motion to take a brief recess, JL seconded 7:16 Meeting resumed

- 1.4 Chairs report: KH Announced that JE is now the Conservation Admin and VK is ConsCom BOS liaison.
- 1.5 Agent report: No action taken
- 1.6 Review of Minutes: AL made a motion to approve and release the 4/14/2021 minutes; JL seconded; Roll call vote was taken: JE (Y); DW(A); AL (Y); JL (Y); JH (Y); KH(Y)
- 2.1 7:18 Request for Determination of Applicability TWB 2021-101

Andrew and Wendy Hammond 11 Sauna Row Rd

Present: Andrew and Wendy Hammond. KH opened the meeting at 7:18 Approve to cut down four trees in buffer zone DW requests that the applicant includes the planting of (4) Blueberry bushes anywhere on the Property. The Applicants agree. JL, JH, AL made a motion to issue negative 3 determination on TWB 2021-101; DW seconded

Roll Call vote was taken: JE (Y); DW (Y);

AL(Y); JL (Y); JH (Y); KH (Y); JL made a motion to close the meeting AL seconded; Roll Call vote was taken: JE (Y); DW (Y); AL (Y); JL (Y); JH (Y); KH (Y)

2.2 7:25 Request for Determination of Applicability TWB 2021-102

Kenneth Tully and Kevin Smith Warren Rd Lot 1

Stan Dillis, Dillis and Roy Civil Design Group

Present:Stan Dillis KH opened the meeting at 7:25

Proposed project is to construct driveway and associated grading within the riverfront of

Trout Brook. SD Indicated that the original plan has been revised and a shared driveway Would now be individual. SD also indicates that F&W has visited the site and plan has been re: turtle protection and ES. JE made a motion to continue to 5/12/2021 so that the commission may review the revised plan.; JL seconded Roll Call vote was taken: JE (Y); DW (Y); AL (Y); JL (Y); JH (Y); KH (Y)

- 3.1 Vote to approve and sign COC 308-274, 41 Edward Rd Work was never started. AL made a motion to approve COC 308-274, JH seconded Roll Call vote was taken: JE (Y); DW (Y); AL (Y); JL (Y); JH (Y); KH (Y)
- 3.2 Discuss and or vote how to proceed with interview for the Agent's position The commission agrees to vote to proceed with the interview process for the Agent's position by way of entering to executive session with all commissioners present, asking 2 questions each, after being vetted by the Town Administrator . AL made a motion to interview future applicants for the Agent's position in executive session with all commissioners present. JE seconded; Roll Call vote was taken: JE (Y); DW (Y); AL (Y); JL (Y); JH (A); KH (Y)
- 3.3 AL made a motion to amend TWB 2021-101 To allow the repair of stone wall with the use of erosion control. JL seconded; Roll call vote was taken: JE (Y); DW (Y); AL (Y); JL (Y); JH (Y); KH (Y)
- 3.4 No action taken The project location is Shirley Rd and consists of tree cutting and prescribed Burn. KH indicates she was invited by F&W to view the property.
- 4.0 Correspondence
- 4.1 Letter form Finneran & Nichols Re: Superseding Order of Conditions S Row Rd Lot 1 & 2 The letter is a copy which was sent to DEP stating that the Townsend Conservation Commission did not give reason for denial. JE Indicated there was reason for denial based bylaw that prohibits disturbing an area 35' from a wetland. DW states the language in the denial letter written by KH needed more specificity. JE indicates she spoken with town council and was told that the commission could vote to send a letter to DEP which would give detail about the reason for the denial. KH said it isn't on the agenda, we could add it to the next one. KH said this discussion is done.
- 4.2 Letter for Beth Faxon, Planning Board and Zoning Administrator dated 4/26/2021 Re: MVP Action Grant. Letter of support written by KH on behalf of the Conservation Co Commission
- 4.3 Letter from Beth Faxon, Planning and Zoning Board Administrator dated 4/26/2021 Re: MVP Action Grant. Virtual Meeting Detail JE states that she took part in the meeting And informs the Commission that Beth Faxon would appreciate any info on flooding or Dried wells.
- 5.0 Items for discussion at next meeting Discuss denial, vote on letter to DEP, Vote on revised Warren lot 1 plan
- 6.0 Advertisements and Conferences KH provided information to newer members about MACC Certification
- 7.0 Next Meeting is Wednesday May 12, 2021 7:00 pm
- 8.0 Vote to Adjourn 8:01 pm AL made a motion to adjourn, JL seconded Roll Call Vote Was Taken: JE (Y); DW (Y); AL (Y); JL (Y); JH (Y); KH (Y) The meeting was adjourned at 8:02

Per the Governor's Order and during the State of Emergency now-in-effect or until sooner rescinded, public bodies are relieved from the requirement that they conduct their meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public.; provided, however, that the public bodies shall ensure public access to deliberations through adequate, alternative means, which include (but not limited to) telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body while they are occurring. The Order also allows remote participation by all members of a public body; and waives the requirements that a quorum and the chair be physically present at a meeting location. *The Chairperson reserves the right to adjust the sequence of hearings/appointments and any other business on the agenda.*