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Meeting of the Townsend Conservation Commission MINUTES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

*****DUE TO HIGHER THAN AVERAGE RATES OF COVID-19 INFECTIONS IN TOWNSEND, THIS IS A VIRTUAL ONLY REMOTE MEETING AND ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND via remote ZOOM @ Join Zoom Meeting**

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1.0 Preliminaries – Votes May Be Taken:

1.1 Call the meeting to order and roll call Meeting called to order by Vice Chair JE at 7:01 under the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) and the Townsend Wetlands Bylaw. (TWB).

Roll Call: JL (P) JG (P) JS (P) AL (P) JE (P)

1.2 Announce the meeting is being video recorded. Is anyone else recording? No one is recording.

1.3 Chairman's Additions and/or Deletions JE would like to add 3.3 Campbell Farms update and 3.4 6 Ball Road activity to the agenda.

AL motions to add 3.3 & 3.4 to the agenda, JG seconded.

The vote passes unanimously

1.4 Agent's report JE reports 2 building permit signoffs and that the 2nd referral for 5 Turnpike was submitted. There were also 2 septic signoffs, multiple on-site meetings for the 6 Ball Road project, and a site visit to Turnpike Road.

1.5 Chair's report JE informs the CC that meetings are being held virtually until further notice and reminds the CC that voting will be in roll call format, their faces must be visible, and their voices must be audible. The 5% rate of Covid-19 cases in Townsend means meeting in-person is not safe until the rate drops to a more manageable level.

JS motions to approve the 9/8/21 minutes, AL seconded.

The vote passes unanimously.

1.6 Review/Approve the meeting minutes from 9/22/2021, 10/13/2021 JE reports that the 9/22/21 minutes have not yet been received and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments– Votes May Be Taken:

No hearings or appointments

3.0 Work Session – Votes May Be Taken:

3.1 – RDA Continuation TWB-2021-112 Borneman (CONTINUED) This RDA concerns the application to remove 25+ large pine trees at 51 Emery Road, which is in a resource area. The applicant is Al Borneman. JC informs the CC that the legal notice has been submitted to the Groton Herald and will be published Friday November 5th, meeting the 5-day notice requirement before the meeting on November 10th. This RDA will be reviewed at the November 10th meeting at 7:10PM.

3.2 - Vote to Change 2010 Fee Schedule Changes to Fwd to BOS for approval

JL motions to review proposed changes at the next meeting, JG seconded.

The vote passes unanimously.

3.3 - Campbell Farms CR update JE reports that the new version of the CR was sent to John Joya, who will hopefully get a chance to review it before he leaves his position on November 12th. The new version includes the corrections that reflect the Planning Board's decisions and mirrors the copy vetted by Town Council.

3.4 - 6 Ball Rd NOI update on amended NOI, Agent has issued enforcement order drained pond JE reads the letter that JC sent to the applicants reminding them that there is still a stop work order on this project until the new NOI is proved. JC recently witnessed the pump running and the water dumping into a roadside ditch, in blatant disregard of the stop work order. Continued disregard of this stop work order can be punishable by serious enforcement action and the applicants need to supply sufficient evidence that the pump has been turned off and removed from the work area ASAP. The DEP has been notified and has concerns as well. JC adds that in her call to the DEP they informed her that the Outstanding Resource Waters is a separate matter and requires the applicant to send a separate application (a Water Quality Certification) to the state for their review as well.

4.0 Correspondence – Votes May Be Taken:

4.1 Letter from Mr. J Flynn RE: 5 Turnpike Rd The CC has reviewed the letter and has nothing to add.

5.0 Education and Conferences – Votes May Be Taken:

5.1 Discuss recent MACC Courses completed by Commission JE congratulates everybody who has completed courses and to those who have their upcoming certification.

6.0 Items for discussion at next meeting:

Discuss 51 Emery RDA with applicant (3.1), waiting for 6 Ball Road NOI (3.4), reviewing the proposed new fee schedule (3.2), discuss Japanese Knotweed PSA, and finalize upcoming meeting schedule.

7.0 Next meeting: Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 at 7 pm. This meeting will also be virtual Zoom remote in accordance with Covid-19 safe meeting guidelines.

8.0 Adjournment:

JL motions to adjourn at 7:22PM, AL seconded.

The vote passes unanimously

