

Office of the  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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conservation@townsend.ma.us

**TO: Squannacook Greenways, Inc.**

**RE: Rail Line off Main Street in the Harbor  
TWB #2016-94**

**DATE: March 25, 2016**

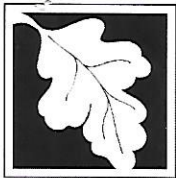
Enclosed please find the Determination of Applicability issued by the Townsend Conservation Commission under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, and under the General Wetlands By-Law, Town of Townsend. Upon careful review of the enclosed Determination, would you kindly sign the enclosed notice indicating that you have read the findings and conditions and understand them fully.

Please be advised that if you wish to appeal to the Department of Environmental Protection the Determination as issued by this Commission, you have ten (10) days from the date of issuance in which to do so. An appeal pursuant to the Townsend Wetlands Bylaw shall be according to the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws

Very truly yours,

  
Karen Chapman  
Land Use Coordinator

Enclosure

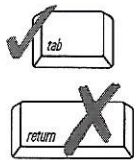


# WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40  
*and Townsend General Wetland Bylaw*

## A. General Information

**Important:**  
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From:

Townsend  
Conservation Commission

To: Applicant

Squannacook Greenways, Inc.  
Name  
88 South Harbor Road  
Mailing Address  
Townsend MA 01469  
City/Town State Zip Code

Property Owner (if different from applicant):

MBTA  
Name  
Mailing Address  
City/Town State Zip Code

1. Title and Date (or Revised Date if applicable) of Final Plans and Other Documents:

Assessor's Map 34	no date
Title	Date
Right of Way & Track Map	illegible date
Title	Date
Portion of Rail Line in Harbor	No date
Title	Date

2. Date Request Filed:

3/14/16

## B. Determination

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the Conservation Commission considered your Request for Determination of Applicability, with its supporting documentation, and made the following Determination.

Project Description (if applicable):

Applicant would like to trim back brush growing between the rail lines and along a 10 foot wide strip just south of and adjacent to the rails for a total width of 20 feet. The purpose is to create a safe pedestrian path along this overgrown section of the rail road right of way. The area to be cleared is about 20 feet wide by 900 feet long.

Project Location:

Main Street  
Street Address  
34  
Assessors Map/Plat Number

Townsend  
City/Town  
various  
Parcel/Lot Number



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### B. Determination (cont.)

The following Determination(s) is/are applicable to the proposed site and/or project relative to the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations:

#### Positive Determination

Note: No work within the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act may proceed until a final Order of Conditions (issued following submittal of a Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent) or Order of Resource Area Delineation (issued following submittal of Simplified Review ANRAD) has been received from the issuing authority (i.e., Conservation Commission or the Department of Environmental Protection).

1. The area described on the referenced plan(s) is an area subject to protection under the Act. Removing, filling, dredging, or altering of the area requires the filing of a Notice of Intent.

2a. The boundary delineations of the following resource areas described on the referenced plan(s) are confirmed as accurate. Therefore, the resource area boundaries confirmed in this Determination are binding as to all decisions rendered pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations regarding such boundaries for as long as this Determination is valid.

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2b. The boundaries of resource areas listed below are not confirmed by this Determination, regardless of whether such boundaries are contained on the plans attached to this Determination or to the Request for Determination.

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3. The work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is within an area subject to protection under the Act and will remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work requires the filing of a Notice of Intent.

4. The work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is within the Buffer Zone and will alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work requires the filing of a Notice of Intent or ANRAD Simplified Review (if work is limited to the Buffer Zone).

5. The area and/or work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is subject to review and approval by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Municipality

Pursuant to the following municipal wetland ordinance or bylaw:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ordinance or Bylaw Citation



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Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

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**B. Determination (cont.)**

6. The following area and/or work, if any, is subject to a municipal ordinance or bylaw but not subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act:

7. If a Notice of Intent is filed for the work in the Riverfront Area described on referenced plan(s) and document(s), which includes all or part of the work described in the Request, the applicant must consider the following alternatives. (Refer to the wetland regulations at 10.58(4)c. for more information about the scope of alternatives requirements):

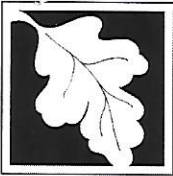
- Alternatives limited to the lot on which the project is located.
- Alternatives limited to the lot on which the project is located, the subdivided lots, and any adjacent lots formerly or presently owned by the same owner.
- Alternatives limited to the original parcel on which the project is located, the subdivided parcels, any adjacent parcels, and any other land which can reasonably be obtained within the municipality.
- Alternatives extend to any sites which can reasonably be obtained within the appropriate region of the state.

**Negative Determination**

Note: No further action under the Wetlands Protection Act is required by the applicant. However, if the Department is requested to issue a Superseding Determination of Applicability, work may not proceed on this project unless the Department fails to act on such request within 35 days of the date the request is post-marked for certified mail or hand delivered to the Department. Work may then proceed at the owner's risk only upon notice to the Department and to the Conservation Commission. Requirements for requests for Superseding Determinations are listed at the end of this document.

1. The area described in the Request is not an area subject to protection under the Act or the Buffer Zone.
2. The work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.
3. The work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the following conditions (if any).

4. The work described in the Request is not within an Area subject to protection under the Act (including the Buffer Zone). Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, unless and until said work alters an Area subject to protection under the Act.



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**B. Determination (cont.)**

5. The area described in the Request is subject to protection under the Act. Since the work described therein meets the requirements for the following exemption, as specified in the Act and the regulations, no Notice of Intent is required:

Exempt Activity (site applicable statutory/regulatory provisions)

6. The area and/or work described in the Request is not subject to review and approval by:

Name of Municipality

Pursuant to a municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw.

Name

Ordinance or Bylaw Citation

**C. Authorization**

This Determination is issued to the applicant and delivered as follows:

by hand delivery on

by certified mail, return receipt requested on

*James Dersian*  
 Date

Date

This Determination is valid for **three years** from the date of issuance (except Determinations for Vegetation Management Plans which are valid for the duration of the Plan). This Determination does not relieve the applicant from complying with all other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws, or regulations.

This Determination must be signed by a majority of the Conservation Commission. A copy must be sent to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/find-the-massdep-regional-office-for-your-city-or-town.html>) and the property owner (if different from the applicant).

Signatures:

*Michael DeLeon*  
*James Dersian*  
*John P. Conway*  
*Mattie M. Wilcox*

*Jennifer P. O'Neil*

Date



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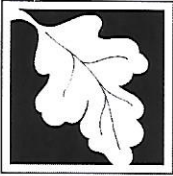
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**D. Appeals**

The applicant, owner, any person aggrieved by this Determination, any owner of land abutting the land upon which the proposed work is to be done, or any ten residents of the city or town in which such land is located, are hereby notified of their right to request the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office (see <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/find-the-massdep-regional-office-for-your-city-or-town.html>) to issue a Superseding Determination of Applicability. The request must be made by certified mail or hand delivery to the Department, with the appropriate filing fee and Fee Transmittal Form (see Request for Departmental Action Fee Transmittal Form) as provided in 310 CMR 10.03(7) within ten business days from the date of issuance of this Determination. A copy of the request shall at the same time be sent by certified mail or hand delivery to the Conservation Commission and to the applicant if he/she is not the appellant. The request shall state clearly and concisely the objections to the Determination which is being appealed. To the extent that the Determination is based on a municipal ordinance or bylaw and not on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or regulations, the Department of Environmental Protection has no appellate jurisdiction.



**Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**  
 Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands  
**Request for Departmental Action Fee Transmittal Form**  
 Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

**A. Request Information**

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1. Person or party making request (if appropriate, name the citizen group's representative):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

2. Applicant (as shown on Notice of Intent (Form 3), Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (Form 4A); or Request for Determination of Applicability (Form 1)):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

3. DEP File Number:

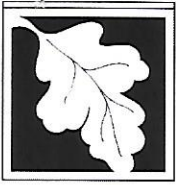
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**B. Instructions**

1. When the Departmental action request is for (check one):
- Superseding Order of Conditions (\$120 for individual single family homes with associated structures; \$245 for all other projects)
  - Superseding Determination of Applicability (\$120)
  - Superseding Order of Resource Area Delineation (\$120)

Send this form and check or money order for the appropriate amount, payable to the *Commonwealth of Massachusetts* to:

Department of Environmental Protection  
 Box 4062  
 Boston, MA 02211



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Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

**Request for Departmental Action Fee Transmittal Form**

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**B. Instructions (cont.)**

2. On a separate sheet attached to this form, state clearly and concisely the objections to the Determination or Order which is being appealed. To the extent that the Determination or Order is based on a municipal bylaw, and not on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or regulations, the Department has no appellate jurisdiction.
3. Send a **copy** of this form and a **copy** of the check or money order with the Request for a Superseding Determination or Order by certified mail or hand delivery to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/find-the-massdep-regional-office-for-your-city-or-town.html>).
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