

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JANUARY 12th, 2016
TOWN HALL, 542 LIBERTY STREET, HANSON, MA**

Called to Order at 7:00 PM under M.G.L. c 131, §40 and the Hanson By-Law 3-13, §5 and Rules and Regulations by John Kemmett, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

Present: John Kemmett, Chairman
Frank Schellenger, Vice Chairman
Brenna Audette, Member
Brad Kirlin, Clerk
Phil Clemons, Member

Also Present: Laurie Muncy, Agent
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Minutes

Mr. Kemmett requested that the minutes of December 15th, 2015 be tabled for revisions.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2016: Brad Kirlin

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 4-0-1 (Frank Schellenger abstained)

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Notice of Intent for a proposal to construct commercial condominiums and drainage improvements within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 1282 Main Street, Map 44, Lots 61 & 62 for Tracy White represented by James Engineering, 125 Great Rock Road, Hanover, MA (**New Hearing**) (**DEP #SE175-0666**)

Mr. Kirlin read the public hearing notice and the abutters were verified. The applicant and the engineer were not present. Ms. Muncy commented that that the plan had previously gone through the Zoning Board of Appeals for site plan review and was overseen by Mr. Gary James. Since Mr. James submitted the Notice of Intent to Conservation, Ms. Muncy requested an independent review. She said that Mr. White is upset at having to have another evaluation of the plan, however she was under the impression that Mr. White was going to be present to discuss this. The NOI and plan was sent out for an estimate from Mr. Delano. No abutters were present.

Motion to hire a consultant at the expense of the applicant to review the Notice of Intent filing: Frank Schellenger

Second: Brad Kirlin

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to continue the hearing until January 26th, 2016 at 7:15 PM: Phil Clemons

Second: Brad Kirlin

Vote: 5-0-0

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Discussions

Consider possible appointment of newest Trails Committee member, Will Foshey as an Associate Member of the Commission, in order to enhance his understanding of important principles that guide trail creation & management (our Blanket Notice of Intent, WPA, etc.) – Mr. Clemons requested that this be tabled again as he hasn't had a chance to touch base with Will yet.

1101 Main Street/Enforcement Order

Mr. Kemmett commented that the Commission had requested an enforcement order (EO) in 2011 but only two members from that Commission now remain. He asked Ms. Muncy to update the new members on that enforcement action. Ms. Muncy said that the issues at the site had been a lack of erosion control, an unpermitted shed and vehicles in the resource area. Somehow, the EO had fallen by the wayside but that the three new commission members may want to conduct an inspection to familiarize themselves with the site. Mr. Clemons commented that he may have to recuse himself as he had conducted a wetlands delineation for this site some time ago. Also, he is pretty close to being an abutter.

Mr. Kemmett added that there are two very large files in the office. Mr. Schellenger asked if there was a summary in the file. If not, a summary would be useful before going out to inspect. Mr. Muncy said she would create one if it doesn't exist and would email it to the Commission members. Mr. Kemmett asked that the subject be put on the February 9th agenda and at that point, the Commission can decide how to move forward.

Smitty's Bog Power Point presentation prepared by Laurie Muncy

Ms. Muncy had prepared a Power Point to give an overview of the progress at Smitty's Bog as it pertains to the USDA's Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). Using a projector to make the presentation, a map of the project was displayed on the wall of the meeting room that depicted the areas of work and the restoration objectives: removal of the water control structures and dikes and removal of invasive phragmites. Other plan objectives are to plant American White Cedars and install deer fencing. Invitations to Bid are being sent out this week for that part of the restoration.

A breach of dike #22 was performed last month to alleviate flooding at Katydid Lane and the water is now flowing. Compatible uses for the property include vista pruning, the installation of Kestrel nesting boxes and signage (kiosk). Ms. Muncy and the Town Administrator are meeting with a representative from Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) next week to discuss the project, specifically the Request for Proposals for the removal of the water control structures.

Approval of 2015 Annual Report

Motion to approve the 2015 Annual Report as written: Frank Schellenger

Second: Brad Kirlin

Vote: 5-0-0

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Old Business/New Business

Whitman-Hanson Express/Invoice – **signed**

WB Mason/Invoice – **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM: Brad Kirlin

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 5-0-0