

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JUNE 14th, 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

Motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2016: Phil Clemons

Second: Brad Kirlin

Vote: 4-0-1 (Brenna Audette Abstaining)

Appointments

7:00 PM Request for a Minor Correction to an Order of Conditions at 48 Leon Court, Map 2, Lot 54 for Daniel Barbone (DEP #SE175-0652)

Mr. Barbone approached the Commission with a basic drawing of an addition to his house on the existing footprint. Ms. Muncy commented that the Board of Health denied Mr. Barbone's request for an addition. Mr. Barbone disputed that they were not adding a bedroom, only living space. Mr. Kirlin pointed out that Mr. Barbone had only prepared a sketch and not an actual plan. Ms. Donna Tramontana, Health Agent, came into the meeting to clarify that the BOH cannot approve the addition because of a deed restriction limiting the amount of living space that can be allowed under a variance. Mr. Kemmett requested that he return with a Request for an Amendment to his Order of Conditions and a Plan.

Public Hearings

7:15 PM Continued 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 Big Rock Lane, Hanover, MA 02339 (DEP #SE175-0666)

Mr. Gary James, P.E. attended the meeting with Mr. Tracey White, the applicant. The Commission received Mr. Delano's Review Letter dated 6/14/2016 (attached) regarding the most recent revisions to the Plan (dated 6/1/2016) and his recommendation that the Commission approve the project with conditions. Mr. James commented that he had modified the design of

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the outlet control structure in Basin #2. He mentioned that he has to finalize the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and will email Ms. Muncy a copy of the NPDES application, probably tomorrow. Ms. Muncy requested he submit weekly reports by email.

Motion to approve a variance from the 90' Commercial/Industrial setback:

Frank Schellenger

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions: Frank Schellenger

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 5-0-0

7:30 PM Notice of Intent for a proposal to construct a 20' x 42' addition to an existing dwelling, a 20' x 28' deck and remove large trees within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 422 Whitman Street, Map 107, Lot 10-3 for Donna Tramontana (**DEP #SE175-0675**) (**New Hearing**)

Mr. Kirlin read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Clemons recused himself unless he was called on to answer a technical question. Ms. Tramontana made a presentation for a proposal to put an addition and a deck onto an existing house. Ms. Tramontana also requested a variance to cut down some large pine trees that are considered hazardous. Mr. Kirlin read a letter (dated 6/2/2016) into the record from Hanover Excavation and Design, Inc.. Mr. Kemmett asked about mitigation. Ms. Tramontana had prepared a mitigation plan depicting various native trees and shrubs to be planted outside of the 50' buffer zone. Ms. Muncy commented that it will be an improvement to the site and she was satisfied with the mitigation plan. Mr. Kemmett asked for comments from abutters. Those present were:

Mr. Alan Pacewicz, 423 Whitman Street – Just came to see what was going on. He knew the previous owner.

Motion to approve a variance from the 50' no build setback to cut down four (4) large pine trees: Frank Schellenger

Second: Brad Kirlin

Vote: 4-0-1 (Phil Clemons abstaining)

Motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions with small project conditions:

Frank Schellenger

Second: Brad Kirlin

Vote: 4-0-1 (Phil Clemons abstaining)

Appointments

7:45 PM Presentation by Samuel Andruk to seek approval of an Eagle Scout Project to provide management activities at Veteran's Memorial Town Forest

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Samuel Andruk, a Life Scout with Troop 38 of Hanover was attempting to meet the requirements to move up to the rank of Eagle Scout. In order to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, a

scout must plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to a community or organization other than Boy Scouting. Mr. Andruk distributed an informational packet to all of the members of the Commission and the Agent.

His project is entitled "Hanson Town Forest Field Reclamation" and entails cleaning the field in the Veteran's Memorial Forest and installing four bluebird boxes. Since the Town Forest Committee doesn't have the resources to do this, they are extremely supportive of the project. Mr. Andruk, with direction from the Conservation Commission under the existing Town Forest Stewardship Plan, said that he and his troop will clear brush, small trees, and invasive plants from the fields. Reclamation of "old fields" is recognized by the state Department of Fish and Game as having high ecological value.

Mr. Kirlin asked what his perceived timeline was. Mr. Andruk said he hopes to accomplish the work in late July or early August over the course of a weekend. Mr. Clemons commented that he would be happy to oversee the project.

Motion to approve the project as presented: Frank Schellenger

Second: John Kemmett

Vote: 5-0-0

Discussions

Reorganization

Motion to reorganize as follows: Frank Schellenger

John Kemmett, Chairman

Frank Schellenger, Vice Chairman

Brenna Audette, Clerk:

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 5-0-0

Letter regarding the boat ramp at Smitty's Bog

Ms. Muncy reported that a letter was received from The U.S. A-Team (International Hydroplane Racing) regarding their racing small hydroplane boats on Indian Head Pond. They reportedly cleaned up the boat ramp area of over ten bags of trash as appreciation for use of the pond to practice. Mr. Kemmett suggested that Ms. Muncy write a letter to invite them to a meeting. He wants to be assured that the water quality is not impaired in any way and to let them know that one of the boat ramps is not available to the general public because of it's location on the USDA easement. Regardless, the Commission was appreciative of them cleaning up.

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Old Business/New Business

The Commission accepted with regret the resignation of Brad Kirlin for his years of dedicated service to the Town of Hanson and the Conservation Commission in particular. His acquired knowledge of the Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Hanson Wetlands Protection By-Law was tremendously important and his commitment to protecting our open space in town will be sorely missed. The Commission thanked him and wished him the best of luck.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 75 Andrew Lane, Map 80, Lot 151 for Edward Angeli (DEP #SE175-0667) –

Motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance: Phil Clemons

Second: John Kemmett

Vote: 5-0-0

Amendment to an Order of Conditions to allow improvements within the limits of the existing parking area at Shaw's Plaza, 480 Liberty Street, Map 82, Lot 7 for Northstar Centers (DEP #SE175-0569) – **signed**

Job Estimates prepared by John Delano – **signed**

Keaney Tree Service/Invoice – **signed**

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

Phil Clemons/Reimbursement – **signed**

Agent Mileage/Reimbursement - **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM: Brad Kirlin

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 5-0-0