

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JULY 26th, 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 Phil Clemons in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

Present: Phil Clemons, Chairman
Brenna Audette, Member
Sharon LePorte, Member
Bill Woodward, Member

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

Mr. Clemons opened up the meeting by welcoming Mr. Woodward to the Conservation Commission and noted that he is bringing a lot of experience to the table. Mr. Clemons reminded the Commission that at the last meeting, he was nominated to act as Chair temporarily. Ms. LePorte commented that perhaps the Commission should do the same just for this meeting until there is a full complement of members to reorganize.

Motion to nominate Phil Clemons as provisional Chairman: Bill Woodward

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 4-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent for the construction of a new dwelling and garage with associated septic system, driveway, utilities and site grading within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within the 200 foot Riparian Zone at Off Greenbrier Lane, Map 108, Lot 5-24A for Joseph Memo represented by Webby Engineering, Inc., 180 County Road, Plympton, MA 02367 (DEP #SE175-0673)

This hearing was continued from 5/24/16 pending review by the Commission's consultant, John Delano, and was subsequently continued on 6/28/16 and 7/12/14 during which time the engineers tried to come to agreement over the storm water calculations and various revisions to the Plan. A review letter was received from Mr. Delano dated today 7/26/16 with continued concerns regarding the detail for the culvert, the calculation for disturbance within the 50' buffer zone, the mitigation plan and a suggestion for an Operation and Maintenance Plan for cleaning the culverts.

Mr. Webby submitted a revised Plan dated 7/19/16 and gave a synopsis of the Notice of Intent for the benefit of the new members of the Commission. He agreed that the Plan needed revisions and that the disturbance was calculated incorrectly. Ms. Muncy asked what assurance there was that the driveway would never be asphalted and suggested that the language be depicted on the Plan to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Mr. Clemons requested that rip-rap be added uphill to the culverts. Also, Mr. Clemons said that because the parcel has a lot of open space consisting of an Early Successional Habitat, perhaps it could be enhanced by owl and/or kestrel birdhouses.

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Motion to continue the hearing until 8/9/2016 at 7 PM pending revisions to the Plan:

Sharon LePorte

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 4-0-0

Appointments

7:15 PM Appointment with David Franklin to discuss the level of Maquan Pond

Mr. Franklin, who lives adjacent to the pond, approached the Commission with a proposed solution of his perception of the low water level of Maquan Pond by taking the boards out in the fall and putting them back in the spring. He was of the opinion that the prime reason the pond is so low is because of evaporation and presented a study that came out of Canada. Ms. LePorte suggested that the pond is low this year because this area is suffering from a drought.

Mr. Clemons agreed that we all share an interest in Maquan Pond as it is Hanson's cleanest body of water and contains the popular Cranberry Cove. He added that everyone has an idea of the level of the pond, but it's a natural body of water and the level goes up and down. The nominal height of the pond is 74' as depicted on the USGS Map since 1962. That being said, he suggested that the Town of Hanson should take a broad look at management of the pond's interests, environmental and economical, as a way to move forward so that homeowners can know what can and cannot be done.

Ms. LePorte said that NRCS has test wells in many areas of Plymouth County and to use a standardized measurement that could be looked at periodically might be a starting point. Mr. Woodward agreed and said to get a hold of the Plymouth County Engineering Office as they have descriptions of all of the ponds in Massachusetts and their elevations.

Mr. Franklin asked the Commission their opinion of manipulating the boards at the outlet structure on the beach at Camp Kiwanee. Mr. Clemons reiterated that it was too early to make a decision.

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of June 28, 2016: Phil Clemons

Second: Bill Woodward

Vote: 3-0-1 (Brenna Audette abstaining)

Motion to approve minutes of July 12, 2016: Sharon LePorte

Second: Bill Woodward

Vote: 3-0-1 (Bill Woodward abstaining)

Discussions

Appointment of a representative to the Community Preservation Committee – was tabled until the next meeting pending the appointment of a new member by the Board of Selectmen.

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Goatscaping/Poor Meadowbrook Conservation Area

Mr. Clemons reported that the Commission has been trying to get going on this for two years and “we’ve got to start somewhere”. There are many examples of success stories by the Goatscaping Company and the Poor Meadowbrook Conservation Area has ½ acre of poison ivy/invasives that must be eradicated. Mr. Woodward was familiar with the concept and agreed it was a good idea.

Motion to approve the estimate provided by the Goatscaping Company:

Bill Woodward

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 4-0-0

775 W. Washington Street/Priolo Site

Mr. Clemons reported that he and several others as well as John Delano, the Commission’s 3rd party consultant, made a site walk last week. He said that it’s a pretty big project with a dozen buildings scheduled to be constructed that are replacing Newcomb Tree Service which in turn replaced a pallet company. The parcel has a long shared boundary with the Poor Meadowbrook Conservation Area for which Mr. Priolo agreed to survey and mark with bounds. Mr. Clemons said that it is a big improvement to what was there as made apparent by huge piles of ground up pallets.

Request for Partial Release of Bond to Eric Harrington, Whitman Street, Lot 2 for mitigation work that has been completed **(DEP #SE175-0617)**

Motion to approve a Partial Release of Bond of \$9,000.00: Brenda Audette

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 3-0-1 (Phil Clemons abstaining)

Request for Certificate of Compliance for 250 Adams Circle, Map 120, Lot 120 for Joseph Kinch **(DEP #SE175-0669)**

Ms. Muncy reported that the grass was planted, but was not growing yet. Therefore the site was not completely stabilized. However, the owners have a closing on August 11, 2016.

Motion to approve a Certificate of Compliance subject to a second inspection by the

Agent or others: Bill Woodward

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 4-0-0

Reorganization

Ms. Audette commented that Phil Clemons is the most qualified to serve as Chairman and therefore made a motion to nominate him as Chairman. Mr. Clemons re-nominated Brenna

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Audette in turn as Clerk. Sharon LePorte made the motion for a partial reorganization. Mr. Woodward seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business

MACC Annual Members fees/Invoice – **signed**
MSMCP Annual Membership fee/Invoice – **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM: Phil Clemons
Second: Brenna Audette
Vote: 4-0-0