

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF AUGUST 9th, 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, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

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

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

Mr. Clemons welcomed recently appointed Mr. Andruk to the Commission.

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 7/26/16. Mr. Joseph Webby and the applicant, Mr. Joe Memo attended the meeting. Mr. Webby submitted revised plans dated 8/4/2016. Mr. Clemons read John Delano's review letter dated 8/9/2016 into the record (attached). Mr. Delano had recommended a Special Environmental Project to mitigate for the disturbance to the buffer zone as an alternative for a denial of a waiver of the 50' No-touch zone. Other than that, he was satisfied with the plan. Mr. Clemons commented that there were still some outstanding fees that were owed.

Ms. Muncy mentioned the Fire Chief, Jerry Thompson had requested a meeting with her. He had provided her with Fire Code regulations regarding public and privately-owned fire apparatus access roads. Ms. Muncy added that he requested that the Commission take it under consideration as he has concerns about the safety of a 900' driveway. She is going to meet with the Fire Chief and the Building Inspector in September and suggested a continuance. Mr. Clemons said that although this was out of conservation's jurisdiction, the technical information was useful. To that end, Mr. Webby said that his client would comply with whatever the Fire Chief suggested. Mr. Clemons asked the abutters for comments. Those present were:
Amelia McInnis, Greenbrier Lane – She was concerned whether the construction of the driveway would impact the water table and therefore her septic system.
Amelia Anair, Greenbrier Lane – Had concerns about some large trees adjacent to the driveway and if they were going to be saved.

Motion to continue hearing until 8/23/16 at 7:15 PM: Sharon LePorte

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 5-0-0

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Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of 7/26/2016: Bill Woodward

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 5-0-0

Discussions

Appointment of a representative to the Community Preservation Committee

Motion to appoint Phil Clemons to the CPC: Bill Woodward

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 5-0-0

Request for an Extension to an Order of Conditions by the Hanson Recreation Commission for phragmite removal at 460 Indian Head Street, Map 54, Lot 9, (Smitty's Bog) under the Wetlands Restoration Plan of Operation (DEP #SE175-0636) - This was tabled until 8/23/16.

Old Business/New Business

Reorganization

Mr. Clemons nominated Bill Woodward as Vice-Chair. Mr. Woodward said that he'd rather not. Mr. Woodward made a motion to nominate Paul Andruk as Vice-Chair. Mr. Clemons wanted to include Brenna Audette in the motion as Clerk as he was of the opinion that vote was unclear at the last meeting. Sharon LePorte seconded the motion. Ms. Audette asked Mr. Andruk what experience he had. Mr. Andruk answered that he is a former Commission member and has lived in town for 30 years. The vote was taken and all were in favor.

Goatscaping update

Mr. Clemons reported that the four goats at the Poor Meadow Brook Conservation Area were doing their job. There is plenty of food for them to eat with all the poison ivy underfoot. He said the project is well underway, but since the goats are doing such a phenomenal job, it's possible that the Commission could afford to have them stay another week. The Whitman-Hanson Express will be doing a story on them for an upcoming issue.

Articles for Town Meeting (replenish ConCom fund?)

Motion to submit an article for Town Meeting to replenish \$5,000 to the Conservation Fund for the purpose of open space management: Paul Andruk

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 5-0-0

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MassSign/Invoice - **signed**
WB Mason/Invoice - **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM: Sharon LePorte
Second: Paul Andruk
Vote: 5-0-0