

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 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
Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman
Sharon LePorte, Member
Bill Woodward, Member
Absent: Brenna Audette, Clerk
Also Present: Laurie Muncy, Agent
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of October 25, 2016: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

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

Motion to approve the Minutes of November 22, 2016: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 4-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) to determine the accuracy of a resource area delineation at 91 King Street, Map 107, Lot 11 for West Light Development represented by Land Planning, Inc. **(DEP #SE175-0677)**

This hearing was continued from November 22, 2016. Mr. Gary Rice of Land Planning Inc. updated the Commission and submitted a revised Plan dated 12/12/16 as per Mr. Delano's comments and suggestions. Members of the Commission had walked the site on 12/7/16 and had agreed with Mr. Delano's assessment. Mr. Rice said that they had looked at the Potential Vernal Pool and located the high-water mark by the stained tree trunks. It was depicted on the plan as approximate within a few feet.

Ms. LePorte commented that she concurred with the flagging as shown and suggested that the PVP be certified in the spring. Mr. Andruk commented that they saw an area of fill that, in the past, was used as a road but will no longer be going forward. Mr. Clemons asked for comments from abutters. Those present were:

Barry Lindberg, Whitman Street – commented that the Plan looked accurate.

Linda Downer, King Street – asked if the lot would be sub-divided. Mr. Clemons responded that the Commission was only deciding on the delineation presently.

Motion to approve the Plan and issue an Order of Resource Area Delineation: Sharon LePorte

Second: Bill Woodward

Vote: 4-0-0

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Appointments

7:15 PM Informal Discussion with Don Ellis regarding Lot on Indian Head Street

Mr. Woodward recused himself from the discussion. Mr. Ellis approached the Commission to say that he was planning to build a house for himself on a particular lot that abuts a cranberry bog. Although the wetland line was already approved and is not in dispute, he was of the opinion that it's an upland bog and he would like to be allowed to maintain the slope. To support his case, he presented a wetlands map dated 1856, a 1940's USGS map and an Assessor's map depicting the topography. Mr. Ellis suggested that the bog was out of jurisdiction.

Mr. Clemons commented that what is of most interest is what is there today and what happened in the most recent decade. To that end, he suggested that the Commission would require an official request to make a determination such as an ANRAD. A plan would have to show elevations, wetland flags, landmarks and buffer zones so that the Commission could inspect in the field. Mr. Ellis said that DEP only considers flow through bogs as wetlands. Mr. Clemons said that the Commission would be pleased to agree on a Resource Area delineation, but would need one to act on as this is just an informal discussion.

Discussions

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 153 Union Park Street, Map 2, Lot 329 for Deborah Young (DEP #SE175-0623)

Motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance: Bill Woodward

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 4-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Mileage Reimbursement/Invoice – **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM: Bill Woodward

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0