

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2017  
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 minutes of January 24, 2017:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Public Hearings**

**7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent** for the replacement of the existing septic system at Camp Kiwanee property and the installation of a stone berm for storm water control within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at Camp Kiwanee Road, Map 54, Lot 9 for Michael McCue, Town of Hanson represented by BETA Group, Inc. **(DEP #SE175-0678)**

Mr. Al Hanscom, of BETA Group, Inc. submitted an "Update" to the Commission (2/14/17) summarizing the meetings over the past 2-3 weeks between Gil Amado, BOH, Phil Clemons, Laurie Muncy and TA, Mike McCue to discuss 2 main objectives; one to reduce the cost of the soil absorption system (SAS) and the other to relocate it further from the buffer zone of Maquan Pond. They decided that it was unfeasible to relocate the system as it would cost considerably more and result in significant tree removal. The other possibility was to reduce the design flows of the proposed SAS in an effort to reduce system costs. Technical justification for a redesigned system would be provided to MassDEP to ask for a waiver from Title V requirements based upon infrequent peak flows during seasonal and intermittent use of the facilities. Mr. Hanscom added that if MassDEP approved a waiver, the Hanson Board of Health would also have to be supportive of a revised plan.

Mr. Hanscom reported that the entire system will be phased anticipating an expansion of the system to accommodate additional flow from the Honeymoon Cottage and the South Bathhouse in Phase II. A separate project would be designed for the North Bathhouse and the cabins. He is also working on an Operations and Maintenance Plan that will include yearly pump-outs. Mr. Clemons agreed that overall, they were applying to the State for a reduction in size thereby increasing the distance from the pond which is the primary concern of the conservation commission. No abutters were present.

**Motion to continue the hearing until 2/28/17 at 7:00 PM pending additional information:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

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**Discussions**

**Greenbrier Lane, Map 108, Lot 5-24A (DEP #SE175-0673)/Consultant Review**

Ms. Muncy reported that in response to an E-mail complaint from MassDEP, she had visited the site and spoken with Mr. Memo, the owner. She verified that he had made repairs to a breach of the silt sock. There had been concerns with dewatering, but she did not observe a specific violation and saw no evidence of discharge. The foundation was in place, the footprint of which had been modified. Mr. Memo, who was present at the meeting, submitted a revised plan dated 1/18/2017 depicting the rotation of the house and a garage under. He said he will submit weekly reports from now on.

Ms. Muncy suggested that we ask Mr. Memo for money to replenish the Consultant Review Account. Mr. Clemons added that a project of this size might consume all our resources and that some of the work may be delegated to Mr. Delano. However, the Commission decided to wait until Mr. Memo was ready to install the drainage pipes underneath the driveway to have Mr. Delano inspect and verify the elevations. Mr. Clemons requested that Greenbrier Lane be placed on the next agenda to review and discuss the Order of Conditions.

**Request for a Certificate of Compliance** for 11 Hawks Avenue, Map 2, Lot 38 for Jason Zimmer (Comm. of MA – Division of Fisheries and Wildlife) (DEP #SE175-0629)

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

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Request for a Certificate of Compliance** for 520 West Washington Street (Lot 2), Map 75, Lot 15-2 for West Washington Development, LLC (DEP #SE175-0658)

Ms. Muncy reported that she was still unable to verify that the arborvitaes were thriving. She suggested that the Commission consider at a later date.

**Motion to deny a Request for a Certificate of Compliance and consider at a later date:**

Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Article for Town Meeting**

- Plymouth County Hospital northern parcel (fields)

In anticipation of May Town Meeting, Mr. Clemons was of the opinion that the PCH fields known as Parcel 3 (about 25 acres) be put into Conservation jurisdiction. Informally over the past year, the PCH Committee had had about ½ dozen walks there. Most people had never seen the fields before that time and were slightly astonished. Parcel 3 has no street frontage, no utilities and they are bisected by a significant wetland with adjacent buffer zones. The fields

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presently aren't being managed and are over-grown with invasive species such as Multi-flora Rose. Mr. Clemons recommended that the best thing is to occasionally mow the fields in late summer, early fall. The public that filled out the Open Space and Recreation Plan questionnaire overwhelmingly stated that they would like to see the PCH property be preserved. Mr. Clemons proposed re-naming the fields the "Bonney Hill Meadows" under the care and custody of Conservation as it is the highest and best use of the property.

**Motion to place the Article on the warrant for May Town Meeting:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Bill Woodward

**Vote:** 3-0-1 (Paul Andruk abstained due to a possible conflict of interest)

**Use of Conservation Fund to Fund Open Space Planning**

- **Plymouth County Hospital**

Mr. Clemons reported that the PCH Committee has looked at numerous recommendations for the site, primarily for Area 2 which is in the middle of the property. He said that the idea for a park has a large following through the OSRP questionnaire, at a Community Preservation forum and other discussions. Since planning for the PCH has been included in the 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Conservation Fund can legally be spent for open space planning, he suggested that a company be hired to design a park plan. To that end, the Conway School of Architecture can put together a plan for \$7,000.00.

**Motion to expend \$7,000.00 from the Conservation Fund for Municipal Park Planning:**

Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Bill Woodward

**Vote:** 3-0-1 (Paul Andruk abstained)

- **Poor Meadow Brook Conservation Area**

Mr. Clemons reiterated for the Commission that a CPC application was being prepared for improvements to the Poor Meadow Brook Conservation Area for an ADA compliant path, a bench and a kiosk. Also proposed is the installation of informational plaques regarding the history of the mill, picnic tables and trail maps. The total estimated cost for the project is \$10,000, \$8,000 of which is being requested from the Community Preservation Committee.

**Motion to reaffirm spending \$2,000 from the Conservation Fund for access to the Poor Meadow Brook Conservation Area provided that CPC expends \$8,000:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion to approve the 2016 Annual Report:** Paul Andruk

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 4-0-0

Supportive Letter for Open Space Plan – **signed**

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**Forest Management Plans for Smith-Nawalzelski Conservation Area and Poor Meadow Brook Area**

The Commission received two grants from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to pay for forest management plans for the above mentioned properties. Mr. Clemons is of the opinion that Mr. Phil Benjamin, a local forester, is reasonable and has many years of experience. He has done work for the Commission in the past. The plans have to be done by the end of June, so it would make sense to get going on both projects.

**Motion to hire Phil Benjamin, CF of Benjamin Forestry Services, Inc.:** Paul Andruk

**Second:** Bill Woodward

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Summer Internship**

Emily Murad, a Hanson resident and an environmental under-grad student at the University of New England asked if she could do an internship with the Conservation Commission this summer. Ms. Muncy said that we have a few ideas of things that have to be accomplished. Mr. Clemons suggested office staff send her a memo and have her sign a standard waiver.

**Motion to take the necessary steps and invite Emily Murad to do a summer internship:**

Bill Woodward

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Old Business/New Business**

MACC/Invoice – **signed**

Registry of Deeds/Invoice – **signed**

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM:** Paul Andruk

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 4-0-0