

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 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
Sharon LePorte, Member
Brenna Audette, Clerk
Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman
Absent: Bill Woodward, Member
Also Present: Laurie Muncy, Agent
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant
Michael DeVeuve, Associate Member

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Request for an Amendment to an Order of Conditions to replace the three six-inch pipes with two eighteen-inch pipes at the two culvert crossings within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 100 Greenbrier Lane, Map 108, Lot 5-24A for Joseph Memmo represented by Webby Engineering, Inc., 180 County Rd., Plympton, MA **(DEP #SE175-0673)**

No new information was received since the last meeting. The Commission had already voted to approve and issue an Amended Order of Conditions. No abutters were present.

Motion to close the public hearing: Sharon LePorte
Second: Paul Andruk
Vote: 4-0-0

7:15 PM Continued Notice of Intent for construction of a 20 x 20 ft. shed/stable and horse corral (adjustable panels) at 122 Indian Head St., Map 47, Lot 1-1 for Keith Boyle, 122 Indian Head St., Hanson, MA **(DEP #SE175-0683)**

Mr. Boyle approached the Commission and submitted a revised plan dated 8/8/17 prepared by Land Planning, Inc. depicting the location and dimensions of the berm and the proposed vegetation. Mr. Boyle said he had also added a couple of bird houses and shrubs. The area of the corral was depicted as a dotted line. Mr. Clemons commented that he would like the address of where the manure was going to be disposed of mentioned in the management plan. Mr. Clemons asked for comments from abutters. Those present were:

Mellissa Sullivan, 86 Indian Head St. – wanted to know when the work would start. Mr. Clemons answered that there was a 10-day appeal period and the work will be inspected. Ms. Muncy suggested that the vegetation be monitored for a period of two growing seasons.

Joanne Banner, 92 Indian Head St. - Was concerned with odor during hot summers and asked if the manure would be removed before 14 days were up. Mr. Boyle answered yes, “at least” every 14 days.

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Motion to approve a variance to work in the 50' buffer zone: Sharon LePorte
Second: Paul Andruk
Vote: 4-0-0

Motion to approve the plan and supplementary documentation and issue an Order of Conditions: Paul Andruk
Second: Sharon LePorte
Vote: 4-0-0

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of July 25, 2017 with minor corrections: Brenna Audette
Second: Paul Andruk
Vote: 4-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 274 King Street, Map 115, Lot 2 for Collins Engineering Group, Inc. (DEP #SE175-0566) - **requires vote & signatures**

Mr. George Collins, P.E. approached the Commission to speak to an expired Order of Conditions for a septic upgrade and an addition. The Rivers Protection Act had come into play because of a nearby perennial stream. Basically, the septic was installed, but the addition had never been built. The mitigation that was required for disturbance in the riparian zone was negated for that reason. Mr. Collins was requesting that the project be closed out and a Certificate of Compliance issued without the condition of the installation of three tree boxes. Ms. Muncy had inspected and recommended approval.

Motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance: Paul Andruk
Second: Brenna Audette
Vote: 4-0-0

Order of Conditions for the construction of an above-ground regulator station at Off Whitman Street, Map 106, Lot 11 for Columbia Gas (DEP #SE175-0684) - **signed**

Amended Order of Conditions to replace the three six-inch pipes with two eighteen-inch pipes at the two culvert crossings at 100 Greenbrier Lane, Map 108, Lot 5-24A for Joseph Memmo (DEP #SE175-0673) - **signed**

Discussions

Property management and potential Town Meeting Articles

Mr. Clemons reported to the Commission that aluminum trail markers had recently been purchased as well as four (4) plastic trail map dispensers for use at various conservation

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properties. Also, he mentioned that 90% of the signage for "The Lost Meadows" Trail at the Plymouth County Hospital had been accomplished.

In addition, the Goatscaping Company has been hired for the last week of August at the Poor Meadow Brook Conservation Area to improve access. This will be paid for from a grant from the Community Preservation Act as well as the Conservation Fund. To that end, Mr. Clemons said that there are a lot of junk trees, vines and dead limbs at the property for which a quote from Keaney Tree Service was received. This work would commence after the goatscaping sometime in early September, the goal of which is to make the area more attractive and park like. Mr. Clemons explained that based on plans that were submitted to the Community Preservation Committee, the pathway down to the river will be ADA compliant. Ms. LePorte asked if it would be possible to launch a canoe to which Mr. Clemons replied yes, that is precisely the objective. The Commission reviewed the quote for the tree removal.

Motion to accept the quote from Keaney Tree Service and authorize the work to begin:

Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 4-0-0

Mr. Clemons reported that the parking area at Smitty's Bogs had been constructed by Mr. Alan Dias. Mr. Dias had also delivered large boulders to the site, the location of which are tentative. The project design is ready for finalization and Matt Rhodes should be contacted to see if he is still willing to install a kiosk. Furthermore, a conference call is scheduled for 8/23/17 with Helen Castles of NRCS and Nick Nelson of Interfluvé to nail down the completion of the Restoration Plan. The goal is to confirm a schedule and sign a new contract. Mr. Nelson is going to be hired to help with the bidding process.

Lastly, Mr. Clemons reiterated that in the Spring, the town had taken properties in tax title, two of which had conservation value. One is on Maquan Street being set aside for possible road construction and the other a parcel on Brook Street (Map 105, Lot 7) that has 400' of frontage on the Indian Head Brook. The entire parcel is in the 50' and 100' buffer zones as well as Riverfront Area and is not being managed. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has designated the Indian Head Brook as "High Quality Habitat" for cold water fisheries (brook trout). Mr. Clemons suggested that if it were conveyed to the care and custody of conservation, the property would be surveyed; boundaries marked and looked at to see what it would need. He commented that the conveyance could be compensatory for the disturbance of water exploration that is being conducted at the Webster-Billings Conservation Area.

Motion to submit an Article to convey the Brook Street parcel, Map 105, Lot 7 to the Care and Custody of the Conservation Commission to be managed and to enhance protection of the Indian Head Corridor and to balance impact from water exploration:

Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 4-0-0

Ms. Muncy suggested a formal recommendation to the Selectmen that Dean Anderson's property not be sold. She strongly felt that it should remain town-owned. Mr. Clemons added that the entire parcel is in the 50' buffer zone and it's unthinkable that anything could be built

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there. The neighborhood is densely packed and cries out for open green space such as a neighborhood park. Ms. Audette added that it's become a dumping ground. Mr. Clemons suggested getting a consensus and creating a motion for the next meeting based on specific reasoning.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM: Paul Andruk

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0