

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF MARCH 8th, 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 John Kemmett, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

Present: Frank Schellenger, Vice Chairman
John Kemmett, Chairman
Phil Clemons, Member

Absent: Brenna Audette, Member
Brad Kirlin, Clerk
Laurie Muncy, Agent

Also Present: Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant
John Delano, Commission's Consultant

Appointments

7:00 PM Appointment with Matt O'Neill of GEI Consultants, Inc. to discuss tree removal at 100 Hawks Avenue, LiteControl property

Mr. O'Neill submitted a letter (Tree Removal Request) dated 3/1/16 and made a brief presentation regarding limited tree removal at the LiteControl property. The Request was made in conjunction with the Notice of Intent for the remediation and restoration of the former LiteControl facility and the adjacent Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area. However, Mr. O'Neill said they were seeking permission to clear selected trees before April 15th to avoid the season when Northern Long-Eared Bats are present and begin roosting. The NLEB's are a federally listed threatened endangered species potentially present at the site. The plan calls for removing trees that have exfoliated bark or dead branches using hand tools. The felled trees will be left in place and removed later in the summer after all other permits are approved (Order of Conditions, Chap. 404 Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife).

Mr. Kemmett commented that a Blanket Permit cannot be used for this type of activity in a resource area. He suggested that there may be a way to approve this while still complying with the Regulations with an Emergency Certification. Mr. Schellenger commented that it should be discussed during the Public Hearing. He requested that the Notice of Intent hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd at 8 PM. Mr. Kemmett asked if Mr. Delano would have time to review and comment before then. Mr. Delano replied yes as he is familiar with the site. Mr. O'Neill offered to meet with him next week to flag the trees.

Discussions

Mr. Clemons reported that he'd had a conversation with Dave Hanlon, Highway Department about National Grid's maintenance project to clear power lines in areas of Hanson in the near future. One such area is along the front edge of the town forest. Mr. Hanlon offered to walk the site with Phil to take a look at the trees that may have to come down because it may be an opportunity to create a wider shoulder for the Highway Department to keep mowed and to pick up trash. Mr. Kemmett commented that he had concerns with the excessive amount of clearing National Grid did the last time they came through. He added that they have an exemption, but they should notify us when they're in jurisdiction.

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Mr. Delano updated the Commission in that he had communicated with Mr. Gary James about the Casoli project at 1282 Main Street. He is waiting on new drainage calculations that reflect a revised site plan and it appears he will have very little time to review and comment before the next meeting. Mr. Kemmett asked if he would like a continuance. Mr. Delano said that he'll see where they're at and make a recommendation if he receives all the information ahead of time.

Mr. Schellenger asked if the drainage calculations needed for the site include the building by the road. Mr. Delano was of the opinion that it will have to because that's where the break starts in terms of where the runoff comes down. Mr. Schellenger said that it is part of the property and it has to be considered as element of the project. Mr. Delano agreed and suggested that the runoff from the old, original Casoli building should be factored in as well.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM: Phil Clemons

Second: Frank Schellenger

Vote: 3-0-0