

HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018
TOWN HALL, 542 LIBERTY STREET, HANSON, MA

Called to Order at 7:00 PM under M.G.L. c 131, S40 and the Hanson By-Law 3-13, S5 and Rules and Regulations by Phil Clemons, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town hall.

Present: Phil Clemons, Chairman
Sharon LePorte, Member
Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman
Absent: Bill Woodward, Member
Michael DeVeuve, Member
Also Present: Matthew Tanis, Agent

Public Hearings / Appointments

7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent for a proposal to upgrade a failed septic system at 255 West Washington Street, Map 93, Lot 1 within 200 feet of the Poor Meadow Brook for Concord Rover Properties, LLC represented by G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., 266 Main Street, Wareham, MA 02571 (**DEP #SE175-0689**)

Motion to continue to 2/27/2018 at 7:00 PM per request of applicant: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-0

7:00 PM Notice of Intent for reframing a foundation, construction of an addition and the installation of a septic system at 572 Brook Street, Map 88, Lot 8-1 for Stephen Straz, Straz Construction on behalf of Lina & Luigi Avitable and represented by Nativec, LLC (**DEP #SE175-091**) (**New Hearing**)

Robert Marini of NativeTec Engineering made the presentation for a proposal to rebuild a foundation and house that had been destroyed by a fire in July 2017. There is also a garage that will be added to the project. The house and septic system will be outside the 50' Bordering Vegetated Wetland, but within the 100' Bordering Vegetated Wetland. There is an intermittent stream at the rear of the property. Mr. Marini commented that the new plan shows a new foundation as the existing foundation could not be salvaged, but that the new foundation will be in the same footprint as the old foundation. Mr. Marini also commented that there are 3 or 4 posts that will be supporting a sitting room that are just inside the 50' Bordering Vegetated Wetland, but that there had been an existing patio was located. Mr. Clemons asked the engineer to focus on the Notice of Intent comments, buffer zones, and conservation rather than septic system details. Mr. Clemons also remarked that more detail is needed in regards to the posts that will be within the 50' Bordering Vegetated Wetland and the variance being requested. Mike Avitable, son of the property owners, was present and commented that the brook in the rear of the property has backed up in the past, flooding the rear of the property. Mr. Tanis stated a site visit would be warranted. A site visit will be conducted on February 16, 2018 at 8:30AM with Mr. Tanis, Mr. Clemons, and Mr. Andruk. Mr. Andruk asked Mr. Marini if the plan presented was a finished plan as the scale appeared to be off. The 50' buffer line was a different distance than the 100' buffer line. Mr. Marini commented that there was an issue with the property

line that has been corrected, but the scale will be checked and adjusted. Mr. Marini included an updated narrative addressing the NOI comments. Mr. Marini and Mr. Avitable asked if work on the foundation could commence to get work moving forward due to a hardship as the property owners have been living in mobile homes on the property. Mr. Clemons stated that all must be done properly, therefore construction on the foundation should not commence until at least a site visit has been conducted and findings are discussed with the commission at the hearing continuance. Ms. LePorte asked what the work would entail. Mr. Marini stated that there would be some material excavated and erosion and sedimentation control would have to be in place. No abutters were present.

Motion to conduct a site visit on 2/16/2018 at 8:30AM: Paul Andruck

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion to continue to 2/27/2018 at 7:15 PM: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruck

Vote: 3-0-0

7:15 PM Notice of Intent for a proposal for the replacement of the docking system at Camp Kiwanee, Cranberry Cove, 460 Indian Head Street, Map 54, Lot 9 for the Town of Hanson represented by River Hawk Environmental, 2183 Ocean St., Marshfield, MA 02050 (**DEP #SE175-0690**) (**New Hearing**)

Robert Rego of River Hawk Environmental made the presentation for a proposal to replace the docks at Camp Kiwanee, specifically those located at Cranberry Cove. Mr. Rego outlined the scope of the project including the removal of the existing permanent docks and replacement with floating docks. The floating docks will be anchored with a concrete ballast in the water and piping on the shore. This allows for movement of the docks as the water level fluctuates. The new docks will allow for light to pass through allowing for vegetation to survive under the docks compared to the existing docks that do not allow for light to pass through. A silt curtain will be in place during removal existing structures. The concrete ballast is set on the bottom and holds the docks in place via chain. Mr. Rego did respond to Mr. Tanis's comments. Mr. Tanis felt that the 50' buffer zone variance would not be needed as it is a replacement not new construction. Mr. Clemons remarked that the variance be again granted as it is unknown what the process was when the existing docks were approved. Mr. Rego stated a Chapter 91 License still has to be applied for. Maria McClellan of 472C Indian Head Street and an abutter to the project had concerns in regards to the property line and the current and proposed dock placement. Ms. McClellan's area of main concern is people leaving Camp Kiwanee property and walking on her property and wished a railing or fencing could be installed to the water line to prevent people from walking on her land. Mr. Rego reiterated that this is not new construction and is a replacement and the existing docks have been in place since approximately 1975. Mr. Clemons stated fencing along the water must not block wildlife from travel and must at least be raised off the ground and out of the water. Ms. LaPorte has no issue with the project, but has some concern relating to the property boundaries. Mr. Clemons stated wording will be placed in the Order of Conditions related to having the area professionally surveyed marking the property boundaries to ensure there is no encroachment and the docks are a legal distance to the property line.

Motion to approve the project as described: Sharon LePorte
Second: Paul Andruck
Vote: 3-0-0

Motion to close the hearing: Paul Andruck
Second: Sharon LePorte
Vote: 3-0-0

Appointment

7:30 PM Appointment with Caleb Parkinson to discuss the 2/6/18 site inspection for his Eagle Scout project to make repairs at the cross country track at WHRHS.

Mr. Clemons remarked that following a site visit, the project will not require any further Conservation Commission involvement as retention basins are not subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act. A letter has been prepared stating as such and Mr. Clemons read the letter dated February 7, 2018. Mr. Clemons remarked that although no filings are needed for the project, it was an excellent experience for Mr. Parkinson to go through the process and attend the Conservation Commission meetings.

Motion to approve the letter: Sharon LePorte
Second: Paul Andruck
Vote: 3-0-0

Discussions

Mr. Clemons commented that the May 2018 Town Meeting Warrant is now open and deadline for Articles is March 16, 2018. The Commission will again ask for \$5,000 to replenish the Conservation Fund.

Old Business/New Business

Reimbursement/abutters list/Invoice – **requires signatures**

Express Newspapers/Invoice – **requires signatures**

MACC/Invoice – **requires signatures**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM: Sharon LePorte
Second: Paul Andruck
Vote: 3-0-0