

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF MAY 24th, 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: John Kemmett, Chairman
Frank Schellenger, Vice-Chairman
Brad Kirlin, Clerk
Phil Clemons, Member

Absent: Brenna Audette, Member

Also Present: Laurie Muncy, Agent
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2016: Frank Schellenger

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 3-0-1 (Brad Kirlin abstaining)

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Request for an Amendment to an Order of Conditions to allow improvements within the limits of the existing parking area within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at Shaw's Plaza, 480 Liberty Street, Map 82, Lot 7 for Northstar Centers represented by Highpoint Engineering, Inc. (DEP #SE175-0569)

Brad Kirlin read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Tom French submitted a Plan dated 5/4/2016 and made the presentation for minor modifications to an existing Order of Conditions for improvements to the parking lot. The plan is to remove a damaged berm at the edge of the lot and replace it with a modified cape-cod berm and to remove and replace vertical granite curbing at the entrances. Also, they plan to re-pave. Mr. French stipulated that the work is in the buffer zone only and silt socks will be staked in place for erosion control. Mr. Kemmett asked for comments from abutters. Those present were:

Tom Powers, Meetinghouse Lane - He mentioned that the pathway from Shaw's to Meetinghouse Lane has deteriorated to the point that it's a safety hazard. He said a lot of people use it, including a lady that's 101 years old. He asked if it was going to be repaired.

Mr. French said that if the Commission didn't have any objection to the additional work in the buffer zone, they would repair it. Mr. Kemmett replied that they did not.

Motion to allow an Amendment to the Order of Conditions for parking lot

improvements: Frank Schellenger

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 4-0-0

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7:15 PM *Continued Notice of Intent* for the construction of a new dwelling and garage with associated septic system, driveway, utilities and site grading within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within the 200 foot Riparian Zone at Off Greenbrier Lane, Map 108, Lot 5-24A for Joseph Memo represented by Webby Engineering, Inc., 180 County Road, Plympton, MA 02367 (DEP #SE175-0673)

This hearing was continued from 5/10/2016. Mr. Webby submitted revised Plans and a Request for Variance, both dated 5/24/2016 as requested at the previous meeting. Mr. Clemons recapped the site inspection that Ms. Audette, himself, Mr. Webby and Mr. Memo conducted on 5/17/2016. He said that they walked the entire length of the proposed driveway and that there were no surprises. The wetland line was represented fairly accurately with the deepest slope at the beginning of the driveway. He added that the majority of the entire lot is very wet, but near the stone wall it is clearly upland.

Mr. Clemons commented that it would be important not to undersize the culverts and he would like to see some calculations done. Mr. Kemmett expressed his concerns with the storm water management system at the end of the cul-de-sac and asked Mr. Webby to find the spec's for the catch basins located there to determine whether they're sufficient. He also asked Mr. Webby to calculate how much fill was being brought in. Other concerns that the Commission had were: Mr. Kemmett requested that spec's for the culverts be depicted on the Plan. Ms. Muncy was of the opinion that an Operation and Maintenance Plan was called for. Mr. Clemons requested that the utility pole locations and the impact from that disturbance be calculated. Also, Mr. Clemons requested that the actual distance from the drinking well for the Barbato residence be shown on the Plan. Mr. Kemmett asked for comments from abutters. Those present were:

Amelia McInnis, Greenbrier Lane – She was concerned with flooding and runoff from construction of the driveway.

Amelia Anair, Greenbrier Lane – Also had concerns with flooding.

Motion to continue the hearing until June 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM pending an independent consultant review by John Delano of the drainage system for the driveway and receipt of a revised Plan and new calculations: Frank Schellenger

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 4-0-0

Mr. Kemmett asked if Mr. Webby had any objection to Mr. Kirlin voting on the continuance. Mr. Webby replied no and he had no objection to Ms. Audette voting when she got back.

7:30 PM *Continued Notice of Intent* for a proposal to construct commercial condominiums and drainage improvements within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 1282 Main Street, Map 44, Lots 61 & 62 for Tracy White represented by James Engineering, 125 Big Rock Lane, Hanover, MA 02339 (DEP #SE175-0666)

Motion to continue to 6/14/2016 at 7:15 PM: Phil Clemons

Second: Frank Schellenger

Vote: 4-0-0

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Appointments

7:45 PM Appointment with Don Ellis to discuss jurisdiction question on Indian Head Street –
postponed per request of Mr. Ellis

Discussions

Purchase of signs and kiosks for various conservation open space parcels

Ms. Muncy presented previous spec's from a sign purchased for the Poor Meadow Brook Conservation Area. She said that she would like to focus on getting better signage and a kiosk at Smitty's Bog as well as other properties in town. The sign was relatively inexpensive and would be far more noticeable at the entrance to the bog. Mr. Clemons added the parking lot would be a good location for the kiosk. Related to this matter, Mr. Clemons said that the tree clearing had been done in preparation for installation of the parking lot at Smitty's Bog. He suggested giving the Highway Department first shot at the construction before going out to bid.

Mr. Kemmett said he assumed we needed at least three kiosks and suggested that the Open Space Committee pick where they're needed most. To that end:

Motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 from the Conservation Fund to purchase kiosks: Brad Kirlin

Second: Frank Schellenger

Vote: 4-0-0

Ms. Muncy updated the Commission that she and Phil Clemons had met with the Police Chief, Michael Misch to discuss stepped up monitoring at Smitty's Bog for unauthorized vehicles. Mr. Clemons said that the Chief didn't like the idea of the gate being moved to restrict access to the second illegal boat launch, but it was explained to him that the restriction placed on the property required it. Ms. Muncy had suggested that jersey barriers be placed on either side of the gate to further restrict access to the boat launch and the bogs to vehicular traffic. Mr. Clemons commented that the Highway Department may be able to provide the temporary barriers.

Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the Conservation Fund for a gate at Smitty's Bog for vehicular access control: John Kemmett

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 3-1-0 (Brad Kirlin against)

Motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$2,000.00 from the Conservation Fund for Conservation signage: John Kemmett

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 4-0-0

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Old Business/New Business

Order of Conditions for the construction of a new single family house, septic system, utilities and site grading at 530 W. Washington Street, Map 75, Lot 15-1 for Jim Molloy, West Light Development **(DEP #SE175-0674) - signed**

Whitman-Hanson Express/Invoice – **signed**

WB Mason/Invoice – **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM: Frank Schellenger

Second: Phil Clemons

Vote: 4-0-0