

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2019  
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 Philip Clemons, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

**Present:** Philip Clemons, Chairman  
Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman  
Sharon LePorte, Member  
William Woodward, Member  
**Absent:** Michael DeVeuve, Clerk  
**Also Present:** Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

**Public Hearings**

**7:00 PM Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation** to verify the wetland line(s) at Elm Street, Map 36, Lot 8A for Harbor One Bank represented by JK Holmgren Engineering, Inc. (DEP #SE175-0710) (New Hearing)

**Present:** S. Scott Rogers, ASLA, JK Holmgren Engineering, Inc.  
Nick Maimonis, Harbor One Bank  
Steve Ivas, Principal, MS, PWS, Ivas Environmental  
Janet & Joseph Warren, 144 Elm Street  
Brian Dean, 162 Elm Street

Phil Clemons read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Rogers presented a Plan dated 8/1/19 with revised flagging. He reported that Brad Holmes of Environmental Consulting & Restoration had delineated the wetlands on 11/15/18. The Commission hired Mr. Ivas, as it's consultant, to review the ANRAD. As Mr. Rogers had just received Mr. Ivas's comments (Report dated 8/26/19), it was his intent to discuss the report with Brad Holmes. He asked the Commission to approve the line and grant permission to perform soil testing to determine the viability of the site, if not now, then at a future meeting.

Mr. Clemons commented that it's a large 16.42-acre undeveloped parcel with frontage on Elm Street. It's in a sub- watershed of the Poor Meadow Brook, a perennial stream located westerly offsite. The wetlands constitute a high percentage of the lot and the uplands are not contiguous. He surmised that for reasons like these, there are parts of Hanson that have not been developed. He asked Mr. Ivas to present.

After Mr. Ivas introduced himself as a Conservation Agent with 35 years of experience, he reported that the MA DEP BVW Delineation Forms were missing key information: The location of points where the forms' data was taken was not located on the plan, therefore it was impossible to verify the wetland line. Out in the field, Mr. Ivas had found a series of yellow flags for which there was no basis. He put together an exhibit with brief notes of every flag he found in the field during his 8/19/19 inspection. In summary, he suggested flags A28 and A29 be moved up-gradient 10 feet and flags B7 through B14 be re-examined during the growing season as hydric soils were observed up-gradient amidst heavy cinnamon ferns in this area.

Mr. Clemons summarized a letter from an abutter, Mr. Preston Horne-Brine dated 8/8/19 (attached) and asked if any of the abutters present had comments. Those that did were:

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**Mrs. Janet Warren, 144 Elm Street** – Concerned with where the water will go if they are going to fill. Their yards are already flooded during heavy rains.

**Motion to continue the Hearing until September 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**7:15 PM Notice of Intent** for the construction of a single family house, driveway, septic system and grading within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at Pleasant Street, Map 8, Lot 11-D for John Studer represented by Carlton Garvey, C.W. Garvey Co., Inc. (DEP #SE175-0711) (New Hearing)

**Present:** Mr. Carlton Garvey, PLS

Mr. John Studer, 44 Four Winds Drive, Pembroke, MA, Applicant

Ms. Diane Cohan, 767 Pleasant Street

Mr. Jim Farmer, 781 Pleasant Street

Mr. Clemons read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Carl Garvey made a presentation for a proposed single family house on an estate lot. The septic plan has been approved by the Board of Health. The wetlands were delineated by Brooke Munro on 10/16/18. There is a finger-like shaped Bordering Vegetated Wetland and three isolated wetlands on an adjacent lot. Ms. Munro and the DEP suggested that additional calculations are done to make a determination about the designation of the small wetland areas. Mr. Garvey took elevations and determined that all three did not meet the threshold to qualify as Isolated Lands Subject to Flooding.

Mr. Clemons commented that the driveway width should be depicted on the Plan. Also there was some discussion regarding disposal of stumps during construction. He asked for comments from abutters that were present:

**Mr. Jim Farmer, 781 Pleasant Street** – Commented that years ago, apartments were proposed. He just wanted to make sure what was being proposed tonight.

**Motion to continue the hearing until 9/10/19 at 7 PM:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Bill Woodward

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Appointments**

**7:30 PM Appointment with Zev Andruk, Boy Scout for Troop 68** for a presentation about his Eagle Scout project at the Veteran's Memorial Town Forest

Mr. Zev Andruk introduced himself to the Commission and presented his project. He's going to be rehabilitating a ¾ mile section of the Bay Circuit Trail, the portion of which runs through the Veteran's Memorial Town Forest. The trail passes through 2 wetland areas for which he would like to construct small temporary footbridges to cross over. Additionally, he sought permission from the Board of Selectmen to use an ATV to haul equipment and chainsaws to cut

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up and remove logs (an adult is to drive the ATV) so that the Fire Department's Polaris can better access the perimeter of the forest. Zev and Phil Clemons have already walked the site and marked the trees (mostly fallen) that have to be removed. Zev is also going to install Bay Circuit Trail markers and two larger signs for the parking area. He plans to finish the work within the month

**Motion to approve Mr. Andruk's project under the Blanket Order of Conditions for Open Space trail management (DEP #SE175-0614):** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Bill Woodward

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Discussions**

**Recommendation for Conservation Agent**

Mr. Clemons reported that the position for Conservation Agent had been advertised on the Town Hall website and in the Whitman Hanson Express. Of the two applicants, the Interim Town Administrator has recommended Mr. Frank Schellenger as Agent for 19 hours a week. Mr. Schellenger has a PHD and actually did his thesis on the ecology of Oldham Pond. Mr. Clemons has reviewed his resume and agreed wholeheartedly.

**Motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Schellenger as Conservation Agent:** Paul Andruk

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Town Meeting Articles**

Mr. Clemons said that although Conservation is not proposing any articles for October Town Meeting, it's important the Commission support all the necessary steps related to the Open Space acquisition of the "Sleeper Property" under the Care and Custody of the Conservation Commission with Community Preservation Funds.

**Motion to support a Town Meeting Article in regards to the acquisition of the "Sleeper Property" with CPC funds:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Land donation at King Street, Map 107, Lot 11-2**

Mr. Clemons reminded the Commission that the property in question has a large, almost certain Vernal Pool between a new large house and concerned landowners. Land Planning had presented a proposal not too long ago to fill the wetland to access the rear portion of the site for which the Commission denied permission to do so. The site not only has a resource area on it, it also connects an unnamed tributary that runs through it.

**Motion to affirm and recommend the land donation at King Street, Map 107, Lot 11-2:**

Bill Woodward

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 3-0-0 (Sharon LePorte had momentarily left the room)

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**Request for a Certificate of Compliance for the completed dock work at Camp Kiwanee Cranberry Cove on behalf of the Town of Hanson (DEP #SE175-0690)**

Mr. Woodward reported that he had made a site inspection and recommended approval of a Certificate of Compliance with a condition that the docks should be removed following the manufacturer's instructions for year round securing and management of the dock system.

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

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Request for an Extension to an Order of Conditions for phragmite removal at Smitty's Bog (DEP #SE175-0636)**

**Motion to approve and issue an Extension to the OOC:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Smitty's Bog update – see Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) and supporting documentation for the restoration of the cranberry bogs prepared by Inter-Fluve**

Mr. Clemons gave a brief synopsis of the progress on the Wetlands Restoration Plan of Operation regarding the goals of the plan: Removal of the control structures, treatment of the phragmites and planting of Atlantic White Cedars. Inter-Fluve was hired to prepare the extensive permitting requirements and they've submitted the necessary EENF to MEPA for review.

Mr. Clemons remarked that Rebecca Nehiley, longtime Administrative Assistant for the Hanson Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, has given notice of her retirement in October. Mr. Clemons thanked her for her many years of public service to the townspeople of Hanson and for holding the fort down during the past couple of years of transition.

**Motion to express appreciation for Ms. Nehiley's service to the Town:** Paul Andruk

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Old Business/New Business**

MACC/Invoice – **signed**

Express Newspapers/Invoice – **signed**

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM:** Paul Andruk

**Second:** Bill Woodward

**Vote:** 4-0-0