

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021
HANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, 111 LIBERTY STREET HANSON, MA 02341**

Called to Order at 7:00 pm under M.G.L. c131, §40 and the Hanson By-Law 3-13, §5 and Rules and Regulations by Phil Clemons, Chairman, Hanson Middle School Auditorium, Hanson, MA

Present: Phil Clemons, Chairman
Sharon LePorte, Vice Chairman
David Mansfield, Clerk
Paul Andruk, Member
Thomas Roffey, Jr., Member
Ryan Morrison, Associate Member
Frank Schellenger, Agent
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

Also Present: Matt Grosschedl, Project Manager/Engineer, Outback Engineering, Inc.
Emile Tayeh, 0 Main Street Realty Trust

Minutes

January 20, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021 by: Sharon LePorte

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent to construct a single family dwelling, install a sewage disposal system and construct an access drive at 0 Main Street, Map 42, Lot 5-2 for Emile Tayeh, 0 Main Street Realty Trust, represented by Outback Engineering, Inc., 165 East Grove Street, Middleboro, MA 02346. (DEP #SE175-0729)

Matt Grosschedl, Project Manager/Engineer, Outback Engineering, Inc., submitted green cards that have been received and presented revised plans to the Conservation Commission. The Treasurer/Collector's Office has been contacted and any unpaid taxes have been paid. Mr. Grosschedl addressed the comments that were received from Commission:

- Conservation signs will be installed at 50' spacing, in lieu of 100' spacing originally proposed.
- Wildflower seed mix to be utilized in the wildflower and field grass mitigation areas has been revised to reflect the suggested mix design provided by the Hanson Conservation Commission office.
- In addition, the applicant has agreed to provide fifteen (15) trees to the Conservation Commission for use on Town-owned property, as mitigation for trees removed for construction of the access drive.

Mr. Tayeh asked what type of trees the Commission decided on.

Chair Clemons stated Sugar Maple which are useful to wildlife. Chair Clemons asked Agent Schellenger if there was anything additional that was on the checklist.

Agent Schellenger has two proposed additional conditions for Conservation Commission review:

47. The applicant shall engage a wetland scientist acceptable to the Commission to observe and evaluate the potential vernal pool(s) onsite in the Spring (late-March and April), and to report to the Commission whether the pool(s) is(are) productive vernal pool habitat. If so, the applicant shall ensure the pool(s) is(are) protected from encroachment/disturbance in perpetuity.

48. In addition to the onsite plantings for mitigation of disturbance to the 50 foot buffer, the applicant agrees to provide 15 nursery grown trees identified by the Commission, for future planting in a public space designated by the Commission.

Chair Clemons stated the Commission would like to see if there is town-owned space that trees could be the most beneficial to the public.

Mr. Tayeh asked if volunteers would be handling this.

Chair Clemons notified Mr. Tayeh that the town has a tree department and that the Conservation Commission can plan the timing and location and is optimistic that it will be a smooth process.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any additional questions.

Motion to allow variance for work within 50' buffer zone by: David Mansfield

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to close hearing and approve project as presented with updated plans and approve an Order of Conditions subject to Special Conditions and pending green card verification by: David Mansfield

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 5-0-0

Appointments - (None)

Discussions

Welcome to Commission Member TJ Roffey.

Meeting Dates 2021

Upcoming Conservation Commission Meeting Dates:

March 3, 2021 and March 17, 2021

April 7, 2021 and April 21, 2021

Property Management Update

Veterans Memorial Town Forest; There has been an offer from a volunteer to clear out anything that is blocking the trail. Any volunteer for Conservation would need to fill out a volunteer/waiver form that was approved by Town Counsel and Town Administrator. We would also make sure the level of experience and also schedule a guided pre-project walk to see what would need to be done.

Kiosks; no update as of today.

NSRWA; Mr. Mansfield discussed possible future hikes with the NSRWA.

Smitty's Bog; There is access to federal funding for locking boards and few other items, possibly phragmites control, possible removal of a few flumes, bids are needed. Once there is a meeting with USDA, there will be an update for the Commission.

Poor Meadow Brook; Scout member TJ Woodward had a successful bottle/can drive fundraiser and has presented his project to the Board of Selectmen; anticipated start date of April 2021.

Town of Hanson Camp Kiwanee; discussion of the possibility of contributing trees.

Sleeper Property; no new update.

485 Winter Street; Board of Selectmen voted to have Town Attorney issue a no bid or non-exercise to property owner at their January 26, 2021 meeting. Chair Clemons will reach out to the Town Administrator, Administrative Assistant, and Town Planner to request not to give up the option of right of first refusal. He will keep the Commission updated. There is a Hanover Fireworks Damage Restoration fund. We are waiting on the release of funds.

Webster-Billings and Well Site; The water department had published an environmental notification in the Whitman Hanson Express. There is a period of public comment.

May 2021 Town Meeting Warrants

Article: To see if the town will vote to place property identified as Assessors Map 105, Parcel 6, under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, for the purpose of wildlife, recreation and forestry, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

Explanation:

This property identified as Assessors Map 106, Parcel 6, is currently owned by the Town of Hanson and contains about one-half acre with frontage on Brook Street. This property is not a buildable lot as it contains Indian Head Brook and areas of wetlands and is a regulatory floodway. It is adjacent to Parcel 7, which is under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, and is a link in the Indian Head Brook Greenway. The Commission believes that Parcel 6 should be retained by the town and placed under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission for conservation and storm water management purposes. This action will allow the Commission to monitor the site and conduct activities to maintain and support retention of the site in its natural scenic and open condition for wildlife conservation, native habitat protection, public recreation, protection of scenic views, and other conservation uses.

Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Motion to approve article submittal for Assessors Map 106, Parcel 6 by: Paul Andruk

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Reminder Town Ethics Packet Information due February 15, 2021

Conservation Office Printer

The Conservation Office Color Printer is no longer working. Discussion on upcoming replacement for FY2022.

Old Business/New Business

Invoice(s) for Supplies (WB Mason) - Reviewed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm by: TJ Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Next Meeting:

March 3, 2021 at the Hanson Middle School Auditorium 7:00 pm