

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF APRIL 7, 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  
Thomas Roffey, Jr., Member  
Ryan Morrison, Associate Member  
Frank Schellenger, Agent  
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

**Minutes**

March 17, 2021

**Motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2021 by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 3-0-1

**Public Hearings**

**7:30 PM Notice of Intent** to continue an integrated Aquatic Plant Management Program at Monponsett Ponds which encompasses two separate basins, East Lake and West lake, to monitor, assess, and implement measures for control of non-native/nuisance aquatic vegetation, specifically with the use of USEPA/State registered aquatic herbicides/algaecides for Charlie Seelig, Town of Halifax – Board of Selectmen, Property Owner: Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Great Pond), Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), represented by Solitude Lake Management, LLC, 590 Lake Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. **(New Hearing)**

**Motion to continue hearing until April 21, 2021 at 8:15 pm by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Appointments** - (None)

**Discussions**

**Request for minor modification** to a plan for Mark Gomes, 113 Andrew Lane, Map 80, Lot 13-1 (DEP #SE175-0725) – **requires vote**

Applicant has requested to modify the location of the pool fence. The applicant would like to encompass most of their usable side and backyard so that the pool isn't so confined and separate from the patio and rest of the rear yard, and install a chain link fence along the sides and rear of the yard and a white vinyl privacy fence facing the street. The revised plan shows the location of the fence as well as 6,000' of area to be used for additional enhancement plantings.

**Motion to approve minor modification request to a plan for Mark Gomes, 113 Andrew Lane, Map 80, Lot 13-1 (DEP# SE175-0725) as referenced for Pool Fence Location; Additional Planting Locations plan**

**by:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Request for release of Escrow Funds to Stacey Mavilia, 357 Phillips Street, Map 57, Lot 18 for landscape/plantings to be completed (DEP #SE175-0351) – requires vote**

The applicant has requested escrow funds for landscape/plantings. Agent Schellenger performed a site visit and notified the Conservation Commission the invoice would be billed to the Hanson Conservation Department, as was done with the brush removal.

**Motion to release of Escrow Funds in the amount of \$400.00 by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Smitty's Bog Professional Services Agreement update – requires vote**

Chair Clemons performed a site visit with Mr. Anderson of Anderson Survey and received an updated quote for services for \$3,200.00. This is to include:

Surveying Services to mark the property line behind 40 & 56 Katy-Did Lane, Hanson. Surveying services to establish elevation benchmarks from rear of 40 Katy-Did Lane, along drainage ditch, to Indian Head Pond. Special Conditions: Elevations to be based upon NAVD 1983. Horizontal datum to be Massachusetts State Plane (mainland)

Agent Schellenger notified the Commission that the previous proposal was denied by the Town Administrator, this one will be submitted for signature.

**Motion to approve survey work by Anderson Survey in the amount of \$3,200.00 by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Pine Meadow Nursery Update**

Chair Clemons notified the Commission that the CPC Committee reviewed and approved Part B of the CPC Application for parcel and sent it to the Board of Selectmen for May Town Meeting placement. The Board of Selectmen did not approve for the upcoming meeting.

**Resignation of Paul Andruk Conservation Commission**

Letter of appreciation to be sent to Mr. Andruk in recognition for outstanding service.

**Factory Pond Dam Safety Phase I Inspection**

Reminder received to conduct a Dam Safety Phase 1 Inspection. The last Phase 1 Inspection occurred 02.23.16. Dam owners are required to hire a registered, experienced professional engineer to inspect and report results. Inspections are essential to identify problems and provide safe maintenance of the dam. Copy of the report to be submitted to the Office of Dam Safety within 21 days of receipt of notice.

Agent Schellenger contacted the Hanover DPW, on which the responsibility lies in Hanover. The inspection has been completed by Pat Brennan of Armory Engineers. We should have a copy of the report before the end of April.

**MassDEP NRD Grant Opportunity/Planning Resources Update**

There was a Mass DEP virtual presentation on 03.25.21 via Zoom regarding an upcoming funding opportunity for North, Indian Head and Drinkwater Rivers and Factory Pond Restoration Projects Former Fireworks Site Natural Resource Damages.

Grant Announcements Posted on MassDEP website and COMMBUYS April 23, 2021

Deadline for submission of written questions May 21, 2021

Official answers posted to MassDEP website June 4, 2021

Grant Application due date July 30, 2021

Announcement of awards on MassDEP website and COMMBUYS September 30, 2021

Contract Start Date October 1, 2021 (estimated)

Discussion regarding Cedar Swamp parcel. If there is a parcel that needs improvement for overall functionality, it is eligible.

#### **USDA Draft Map Commission Review**

Helen Castles submitted a draft map for review for the Conservation Commission regarding Smitty's Bog. Proposed:

- Water Control Structures (WCS) #21, #16 and #11 setting boards at the elevations proposed on the second page and locking the WCS so the boards can't be manipulated.
- WCS #17, #18 open for fish passage
- WCS #19 and #20 removing all boards and locking the WCS so that the bogs can't be flooded and adversely affect the neighbor that has complained.

Agent Schellenger notified the Commission that the project would need to go out for bids. Conservation Commission to discuss the draft response at the next meeting, April 21, 2021.

#### **Eagle Scout Project Update(s)**

TJ Woodward notified the Conservation Commission that the trail mapping is complete and submitted an overview of the entire trail system which is 0.9 miles for review. Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Roffey will schedule a site visit with Mr. Woodward.

Bryce Parkinson is working on improving the appearance of Town Hall by constructing and installing 2 picnic tables in designated locations, repair and relocate 1 existing bench, restore upper portion of eroded slope which is facing shoreline west of the boat launching ramp by retrieving riprap stones that have been thrown into the pond, and placing them so as to create an anti-erosion barrier (approximately 18-24" wide) across the eroded slope. Upslope of the riprap, smooth out ground surface and re-install existing geotextile fabric that has been exposed by ground surface deterioration; place and tamp layer of gravel over re-installed fabric; place layer of mulch over gravel. The work to be completed is not far from the Wampatuck shoreline, recommendation that it can be done under the Conservation Commission's existing "Blanket Order of Conditions (OOC) SE#175-0614.

Chair Clemons visited the site and notified Mr. Parkinson that he would share the information regarding the project with the Commission.

Zev Andruk, Eagle Scout, would like to fix up the campsite at Tupelo Point in the Town Forest. Chair Clemons will follow up with Mr. Andruk.

#### **Rocky Run Trail Clean Up April 24, 2021 (tentative date)**

Wildlands Trust has a date of April 24, 2021 from 9:30 - 12:00pm for trail clean-up day, meet up will be at Luddam's Ford Park in Hanover.

#### **Meeting Dates 2021**

Upcoming Conservation Commission Meetings for **May and June 2021**: May 5, 19 and June 2, 16, 2021.

**Property Management Update**

Agent Schellenger notified the Commission that Town Planner, Deb Pettey, will be repairing the crosswalk in front of Town Hall Parking lot to make it ADA compliant as well as adding a light there. The project falls within the buffer zone and she has asked which type of paperwork work be needed.

The Conservation Commission requests a copy of the plans. Paperwork pending actual review of specific plans.

**Old Business/New Business**

**Invoice for Public Hearing Notice** (Hanson Express) for Monponsett Ponds, Halifax/Hanson, Notice of Intent – Reviewed

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** TJ Roffey, Jr.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Next Meeting:**

**April 21, 2021 at the Hanson Middle School Auditorium 7:00 pm**