

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2021
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, HANSON TOWN HALL
542 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, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall, Hanson, MA

Present: Phil Clemons, Chairman
David Mansfield, Clerk
Thomas Roffey, Jr., Member
Frank Schellenger, Agent
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Sharon LePorte, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Bob Crowell, Crowell Engineering
Ed Johnson, Brookside Realty LLC
Amanda Monti, Brookside Realty LLC
TJ Woodward, Kathleen Woodward Troop 68

Minutes

October 20, 2021

Motion to approve October 20, 2021 Minutes by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 3-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent for removal of existing structure and construction of one 96'X36' residential condominium building with 4 one bedroom units, with associated site improvements and signage within 100 feet of bordering vegetated wetlands and riverfront area at 1139 Main Street, Map 43, Lot 36A, for Edward Johnson, Brookside Realty, LLC, represented by Crowell Engineering, 981 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, MA 02360. (DEP# SE175-0740)

Bob Crowell stated the plan change to identify abutters was made, a full size updated plan with copy will be sent to office.

Chair Clemons stated that the site visit last week was very informative. Discussion regarding tires, debris, and sediment blocking culvert. Chair Clemons noted that it would be essential for Applicant to handle communication with owner adjacent to property since mitigation would occur on the property which includes a perennial stream. Chair Clemons can place a call to Mr. Prario to inform him of possible project to open communication.

Mr. Johnson asked if DEP has jurisdiction over the perennial stream? They would clean out much of the debris before going to Highway to jet that culvert out. He is willing to go into stream and clean up. Ms. Monti said she will reach out Highway.

Chair Clemons stated that it is on private property, except for the culvert. As far as plan, it would be the Applicant's responsibility regarding what the activities would be.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions/comments.

Agent Schellenger noted that we received the MA DEP File Number which included the following instructions:

Demonstrate compliance with 310 CMR 10.58(5)(a) through (h).

The issuing authority shall include a continuing Condition in the Certificate of Compliance for projects under 310 CMR 10.58(5)(f) or (g) prohibiting further alteration within the restoration or mitigation area, except as may be required to maintain the area in its restored or mitigated condition. Prior to requesting the issuance of Certificate of Compliance, the applicant shall demonstrate the restoration or mitigation has been successfully completed for at least two growing seasons (310 CMR 10.58(5)(h)).

Applicant needs to make sure the project meets those requirements. If we have plan for mitigation in stream, we can state that it meets the requirements. There will be a continuing condition that there will not be any other alteration to that area. This condition will also be included with the Certificate of Compliance.

Agent Schellenger asked if it would be possible to ask the abutter, Mr. Prario, for an easement for maintaining the stream so that someone would be able to go there, he is not burdening the applicant, just someone. Agent Schellenger suggested that there could be a condition that the Applicant contact and obtain permission on what they propose to do. ZBA has approved the project pending Commission approval and Board of Health septic approval.

Mr. Crowell will put together a letter with descriptions on plans along with pictures as well as submit updated plans to office.

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

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion to close hearing and approve project subject to Standard and Special Conditions including various items discussed as needed to comply with regulations by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 3-0-0

Appointments – (None)

Discussions

Eagle Scout Project Update(s)

Scout TJ Woodward was present to request approval of the current Poor Meadow Brook project.

Discussion of Sign Colors; Green with white backing. Email edited word document for write-ups to Scout Woodward on Monday. Original trail map submitted 03.24.21 to Conservation Commission will be used. The nature plaques will be 12X12 and mounted on pressure treated wood posts 3' tall that will be set in ground. There will be plywood backing, screwed on, and plastic type cover like plexi-glass to protect from weather and deterioration. The plaque which includes trail mail will display ½ trail map, then topographical map, descriptions, and also dedications. There will be 5 plaques.

Chair Clemons thanked Scout Woodward and volunteers for all the hard work past/present.

Motion to approve Eagle Scout project based on what has been submitted with Conservation Commission's edits and feedback and communication via email and also approval of Green Color with White Background by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 3-0-0

Property Management Update

David Mansfield provided the property management update. There are approximately 100 trees down that impacted trail access. About 1/3 of these have completely blocked trail access at Webster-Billings and Town Forest. Another 1/3 have partially blocked, requiring either scrambling over or making a small detour at Smitty's Bog and Poor Meadow. The remaining 1/3 are small, medium sized trees that can be easily stepped over to continue along the trail.

Mr. Mansfield has offered to donate signs to the Conservation Commission which include Dashboard Cards for vehicles. This provides a great communication tool for the Commission.

0 County Road; Office staff will work on creating template(s) for MA DEP Appeal visits for present/future sites in order to document for file reference.

485 Winter Street; All information provided is in the hands of Town Administrator and Town Counsel.

Sleeper Property; No new update.

Property Management Signage Project

No Update.

Old Business/New Business

Invoice(s) for Office Supplies (WB Mason) - Signed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 3-0-0