

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2022  
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  
Sharon LePorte Vice Chairman  
David Mansfield, Clerk  
Thomas Roffey, Jr., Member  
Frank Schellenger, Agent  
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

**Minutes**

January 5, 2022

**Motion to approve January 5, 2022 Minutes by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Vote:** 3-0-1

**Public Hearings** - (None)

**Appointments** - (None)

**Discussions**

**Supreme Energy Cleanup, Release Tracking Number 4-29149**

An Emergency Certification was issued to proceed with cleanup on January 25, 2022. The minutes of January 25, 2022 meeting are pending approval by Conservation Commission.

Agent Schellenger performed a site visit after receiving notification that they were starting cleanup. There has been some excavation of soil onsite, they have directed some water and liquid to the big holding tank, they have not dumped any into the storm drainage system at all.

Clean Harbors issued a letter on behalf of Supreme Energy/Hanson Fuel Oil Company RE: the Wetlands Protection Act clarifying information regarding the sampling of the discharge water following water treatment.

**Town Clerk Ethics Packet - Due February 15, 2022**

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

March 2nd, 16th; April 6th, 20th; May 4th, 18th, 2022.

**Conservation Staffing**

Chair Clemons has spoken to Lisa Green, Town Administrator, seeking approval for Conservation Agent hours increase and salary range.

**Property Management Update**

**Poor Meadow Brook;** Mr. Mansfield took pictures of Poor Meadow Brook trail signs that were placed by Eagle Scout TJ Woodward. Discussion by Commission to post on the Conservation Facebook page.

**Rocky Run;** Wildlands Trust plans to coordinate an upcoming zoom meeting regarding management.

**Old Meadows;** Management and vendor search should begin for work for the three fields which would include mowing, brush removal.

**Smitty's Bog;** Helen Castles, USDA, sent a reminder regarding Hanson WRP contract regarding the locking mechanisms and obtaining vendors/contractors to handle this task.

**MSMCP**

ARPA Funds available for certain Conservation Projects, must be obligated by December 31, 2024.

Follow up needed with Lisa Green, Town Administrator, to see if the town of Hanson has any funding available.

**Open Space Acquisition****485 Winter Street**

The closing occurred on January 10, 2022.

**Sleeper Property**

Mr. Sleeper and several lawyers are making progress with probate and are closer to dates for clearing the title.

Besides title being cleared, we need to provide an environmental assessment.

**Lite Control Property**

Mr. Smythe, Hubbell Real Estate Manager, plans to follow up within the next few months.

**Pine Meadow Nursery**

Pine Meadow Nursery has changed to Chapter 61B which is classified as Recreation/Open Space Land.

**Volunteer Trail Management 101**

No update.

**Conservation Summer Intern**

Discussion on creating a job description. Chair Clemons reached out to Samantha Woods, NSRWA, to keep the Commission in mind. He can draft a position description for the next Conservation meeting.

**Town of Camp Kiwanee Cranberry Cove**

No new updates regarding bladderwort or Notice of Intent submittal.

**The American Chestnut Foundation**

MA DEP File #SE 175-0729 has an Order of Conditions that has a condition which states that in addition to the onsite plantings for mitigation of disturbance to the 50' buffer, the applicant agrees to provide 15 nursery grown trees identified by the Commission, for planting in a public space designed by the Commission.

The American Chestnut Foundation includes seeds with their annual membership, the lowest level, root seed, includes 4 seeds at \$300.00. The crabapple trees range from \$19.95-\$32.95.

**Motion to support recommendation to Applicant for providing the 15 nursery grown trees identified by the Commission, for planting in a public space designed by the Commission by: David Mansfield**

**Second: Sharon LePorte**

**Vote: 4-0-0**

**May 2022 Town Meeting Warrants**

The Board of Selectmen voted January 25, 2022 to open the May 2022 Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants. Deadline for submission is March 4, 2022.

**Old Business/New Business - (None)**

**Invoice for Letterhead (Harry B. Harding & Son, Inc.) - Signed**

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

**Invoice for Reimbursement (Staff) for Office Supplies - Signed**

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.**

**Second: David Mansfield**

**Vote: 4-0-0**