

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 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

Also Present: TJ Woodward, Eagle Scout Candidate, Troop 68
Kathleen Woodward
Kevin Keane, Scout Leader, Troop 68
Edwin Heal, Pine Grove Avenue

Minutes

January 19, 2022 and February 2, 2022

Motion to approve January 19, 2022 Minutes by: Sharon LePorte

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion to approve February 2, 2022 Minutes by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

Public Hearings - (None)

Appointments -

7:00 PM Appointment with TJ Woodward RE: Poor Meadow Brook Eagle Scout Project

TJ Woodward, Troop 68 Eagle Scout, was present to obtain final approval for the Poor Meadow Brook Trail project.

It was noted that this project took 420 hours and signage was provided by Webster Print.

The Conservation Commission thanked Mr. Woodward for his hard work on the project.

Mr. Mansfield stated that the project will be appreciated by the citizens of Hanson as well.

Chair Clemons said the signage is excellent, as well as the concept, trail, and cooperation for this project.

Motion to approve Eagle Scout by TJ Woodward with gratitude by: David Mansfield

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Discussions

Annual & Special Town Meeting Articles – Due March 4, 2022

Draft of article(s) to be completed for approval at the next meeting.

Conservation Staffing

Chair Clemons is working with the Town Administrator; seeking approval for Agent hours and salary range to increase.

Property Management Update

The parking areas were plowed after the storms, with the exception of Rocky Run. Trash was removed in areas needed.

Smitty's Bog; Kiosk sign was vandalized with graffiti. Graffiti was partially removed with denatured alcohol.

Poor Meadow Brook; Mr. Mansfield led the Green Hanson walk which was well attended.

Rocky Run; Wildlands Trust installed a new kiosk panel. The stream crossing is underwater and there are a large amount of sticks and branches thrown over the stream by hikers. Some repair/remediation will be needed.

Open Space Acquisition

485 Winter Street; The closing is complete and the deed has been recorded.

Sleeper Property; no new update.

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

Volunteer Trail Management 101

No update as of this meeting.

Conservation Summer Intern

Draft job description to be completed and volunteer waiver to be signed.

MA Department of Fish and Game

The in-lieu fee mitigation program makes funding available for certain kinds of projects.

Freshwater Mussel Survey

Agent Schellenger stated that freshwater mussels are an endangered species, and, any pond treatments will need to be modified accordingly. He would like the Commission to consider requesting the Board of Selectmen approval for a freshwater mussel survey since it is a Selectmen controlled article.

Ethan Nadeau, Biodrawiversity, submitted a proposal for a freshwater mussel survey which would include Indian Head Pond, Wampatuck Pond, and Maquan Pond, to document the presence, abundance, recruitment, and habitat use of state-listed mussels, and to recommend strategies for long-term protection of freshwater mussel communities. The fieldwork would be early spring before algae and aquatic plants flourish and impede visibility. A report to be submitted July 1, 2022. The cost would be \$3,200.00.

Motion to recommend Freshwater Mussel Survey to the Board of Selectmen for approval to enter into agreement with Biodrawiversity at the proposed rate of \$3,200.00 by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

Old Business/New Business - (None)

Invoice for Subscription (Massachusetts Wildlife) - Signed

Invoice for Recording (Registry of Deeds) Thomas Mill Existing Conditions Plan Parcel ID: 81-0-8-0 – Signed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0