

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2023  
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. This meeting of the Hanson Conservation Commission is audio-recorded.

**Present:** Phil Clemons, Chairman  
Thomas Roffey, Jr., Vice Chairman  
David Mansfield, Clerk  
Sharon LePorte, Member  
Edwin Heal, Member  
Frank Schellenger, Agent  
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

**Also Present:** Sandy and David Parker, Osprey Dragon Boat Team

**Minutes**

December 21, 2022

**Motion to approve December 21, 2022 Minutes by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Public Hearings**

**7:00 PM *Continued* Notice of Intent** to perform perc tests and to upgrade the septic system to Title V Standards within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands and bank top to an intermittent stream, which is also a tributary to a surface water supply, at 16 Upton Street, Map 2, Lot 338, for New Neighbor Realty, represented by Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC, 3 Main Street, Lakeville, MA 02347. (DEP# SE175-0748)

**Motion to continue hearing to February 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Appointments**

**7:15 PM Appointment** with Sandy and David Parker, Osprey Dragon Boat Team, request to dock dragon boat on Wampatuck Pond.

Ms. Parker notified Commission that they have had an Osprey Dragon Boat Team in Boston for 16 years. It is a competitive paddling sport. The boat is about 650 lbs. and can hold up to 22 people. There is no motor on the boat. It is has become difficult to run in Boston and they would like to start a team in Hanson to build a community co-ed adult sport. They are 501(C)(3) non-profit.

The request is to dock boat at the location of lily pads from April-September and leave on the water until the Season ends so they would not impede any other traffic. Mr. Parker stated they would primarily be holding weekday practices on Wampatuck Pond and also start recruiting paddlers. They plan on using a lobster-pot type buoy with a line on that will pair with cinder blocks, mooring can be pulled out during off-season.

Chair Clemons discussed other ponds in the area and the concerns regarding cyanobacteria in water. The Commission discussed vandalism concerns and also parking for practices.

Agent Schellenger stated that in order to have this, you would need approval from the Harbormaster, Mr. O'Brien, at Hanson Fire Department.

**Motion to allow/endorse Dave and Sandy Parker, Osprey Dragon Boat Team, use of docking boat during the months of April-September pending approval from Hanson Harbormaster, Rob O'Brien, Hanson Fire Department by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.**

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0

#### Discussions

##### **Wildlands Trust Stewardship Endowment Fee Hanson Conservation Restriction #5**

Sleeper Conservation Area Community Preservation Act Conservation Restriction #5 Invoice for Stewardship Endowment Fee; one-time cost of \$11,070.38.

**Motion to submit a CPC Application Part A for CPA fund approval by: David Mansfield**

**Second:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Property Management Update;** Trash removed at areas needed. Discussion of possible upcoming donations for trail maintenance.

**Bay Circuit Trail;** Site visit scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to a later date.

**Open Space Acquisition;** No new update as of this meeting.

#### Old Business/New Business

**Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 16 Upton Street, Map 2, Lot 338, Notice of Intent – signed**

**Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 0 Whitman Street, Map 109, Plot 7B, Notice of Intent - signed**

**Invoice for Reimbursement (Staff) Mileage – to be signed**

**Invoice for Reimbursement (Member) sign installation hardware, Bonney Hill Trail vehicle access barrier materials – signed**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM by: Sharon LePorte**

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0