

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 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:** Chris Hoffman, Woodman Terrace

**Minutes**

January 4, 2023

**Motion to approve January 4, 2023 Minutes by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Edwin Heal

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Public Hearings**

**7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent** to construct a single family home, driveway, water service, overhead telephone, electric, and cable services. The applicant is also requesting removal of 1,626 square feet of existing bordering vegetated wetlands and proposing 3,275 square feet wetland replication to compensate at 0 Whitman Street, Map 109, Lot 7B, for Jeffry Landreville, BLR Built, LLC, represented by PMP Associates, 200 North Bedford Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333. (DEP# SE175-0749)

**Motion to close hearing without a finding and without prejudice for 0 Whitman Street, Map 109, Lot 7B, for Jeffry Landreville, BLR Built LLC, represented by PMP Associates by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Appointments** – (None)

**Discussions**

**Enforcement Order** Morse Brothers, Inc., Off Hill Road, Map 23, Lot 31

The Board of Health Agent observed silt in White Oak Brook. The work being done at Morse Brothers bog has impacted the stream. There is water being pumped into the brook, it is pumping dirt into stream. The Contractor shut the pump off and the stream began to clear, but silt is on bottom

MA DEP performed a site visit with Agent Schellenger and advised issuing an enforcement order. The enforcement conditions include:

- Preparing a restoration plan, including the following requirements by February 28, 2023.
- Measuring the depth of the newly deposited bog sediment in White Oak Brook downstream of the bog outlet as far as the sediment depth is greater than 4".
- Removing the sediment to original substrate in all areas/locations where the sediment depth is greater than 4" by April 30, 2023.
- Monitoring dewatering to ensure no additional silt is introduced into White Oak Brook.
- Hanson Conservation being permitted to monitor the above efforts at all reasonable times.

**Motion to approve Enforcement Order for Morse Brothers, Inc., Off Hill Road, Map 23, Lot 31 by:**  
David Mansfield

**Second:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

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

The CPC Committee are supportive of Part A application submitted. Staff to prepare Application Part B for upcoming February CPC meeting.

**Department of Conservation and Recreation Forestry Legacy Tree Program**

The DCR of Forest Fire Control and Forestry program recognizes the largest and most interesting known tree of each species, historical origins, and trees of unique and significant importance. Trees can be nominated. Chair Clemons discussed a large red oak that may be a nominee located in the Webster-Billings area. The form can be filled out, submitted, and DCR then designates representative(s) to verify information.

**Motion to have staff complete Nomination Form and submit to the Legacy Tree Program once information is obtained by:** Edwin Heal

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Mass Wildlife's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program**

The Natural Heritage Program allows reporting observations of rare species and vernal pools. Once submitted, their biologists review all observation forms. Accepted observations are entered into their database.

Susan Gaspar, Hanson resident, submitted photos of an American Bittern seen at Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area.

**Motion for staff to submit American Bittern finding to Natural Heritage by:** Edwin Heal

**Second:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Property Management Update;** Trash removed at areas needed. Mr. Hoffman will be assisting Mr. Mansfield with this task.

**Sleeper Conservation Area;** No update from Town Counsel regarding information submitted for review.

The previous owners of area have requested a small plaque (for which they will pay) acknowledging Myron Sleeper on the property.

**Poor Meadow Brook;** Trails are in need of 5-6 bog bridges.

**Town Forest;** Trees cut from trail by Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Hoffman.

Marianne DiMascio Hanson, MA has made a donation to Conservation in the amount of \$250.00 for materials/building of bog bridges.

**Motion to accept with gratitude \$250.00 donation for bog bridges from Marianne DiMascio Hanson, MA pending Select Board recognition and acceptance by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Edwin Heal

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Bay Circuit Trail;** No update regarding signage wording from Park Committee as of January 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Town Meeting Article-Removal of Phragmites at Camp Kiwanee**

There are funds from a Town Meeting approved article to treat and remove phragmites at Camp Kiwanee adjacent to the Smitty's Bog area of phragmites. The current balance is \$14, 847.04.

Chair Clemons said there is an increased public appreciation and with the expanded hours of agent, we have to the chance to look into this. A multi-year plan is the way to go.

Mr. Roffey requested that Agent Schellenger look into the options to treat and remove phragmites.

**Old Business/New Business**

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

**Invoice for Office Supplies** (WB Mason) Toner – **signed**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM by:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 5-0-0