

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 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
Frank Schellenger, Agent
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Edwin Heal, Member

Also Present: David Winters, Woodbine Avenue

Minutes

January 18, 2023

Motion to approve January 18, 2023 Minutes by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Request for Determination of Applicability for removal of seven trees located on property and within 50' and 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands at 387 Woodbine Avenue, Map 3, Lot 22, for David Winters. **(New Hearing)**

Mr. Mansfield read the Public Hearing Notice and the green cards were verified.

Mr. Winters would like to install solar panels. Two solar companies and two tree companies stated that two trees would need to be removed to allow sunlight onto roof solar panels. There are five trees that would need to be removed before they fall down. Agent Schellenger visited site and agrees with proposed tree removal request.

The Commission discussed mitigation plans with Mr. Winters which could include possible blueberry bushes, shrub type vegetation, or evergreen trees. Mr. Winters will contact the conservation office when he has reached a decision and mitigation will be added as an additional special condition.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

Motion to issue a variance for work within 50' buffer zone by: Sharon LePorte

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination and approve project presented with the addition to the Special Conditions including trees, small shrubs by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion to close hearing by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

Appointments – (None)

Discussions

Wildlands Trust Stewardship Endowment Fee Hanson Conservation Restriction #5

Application Part A was submitted to CPC to cover cost of monitoring in the amount of \$11,070.38. Wildlands Trust has a policy whereby they seek timely payment and would like to receive 2/3 of payment. They have agreed the remaining amount can be paid at a later time. CPC Application Part B to be submitted with revised remaining amount.

Motion to approve payment of 2/3 amount of the Wildlands Trust Endowment Fee \$7,500.00 or less from the Conservation Fund by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Property Management Update; Trash removed at areas needed. Mr. Mansfield stated that 16-26 bog bridges are needed at Poor Meadow Brook and Town Forest. Estimates were created for Commission review.

Motion to approve expenditure up to \$1,500.00 to Commence Bog Bridge Project Phase 1 by: TJ Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

Open Space Acquisition; The First Congregational Church of Hanson voted at their business meeting to offer 18 acres of their Chapter 61 B land on High Street. The Church Trustees will be composing a letter to make that offer.

Town Meeting Articles – Due March 3, 2023

Capital Improvement Committee Plan of Capital Needs and Requests – Due February 3, 2023

Conservation and Thomas Mill reports presented for Commission review.

Verdantas; Verdantas has been hired by Town for review of National Fireworks Site-Factory Pond with a TAG grant. The scope of work includes report and document technical review, site visits and interface with PRP's LSP, and Public Engagement Activities.

MACC Annual Conference; MACC Virtual Annual Environmental Conference starts February 28th-March 9th, 2023.

HYDRO-CAD License; Software requested by Agent Schellenger for drainage calculations. The annual cost is \$195.00.

Motion to approve purchase of HYDRO-CAD Software Annual License by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 387 Woodbine Avenue, Map 3, Lot 22, Request for Determination of Applicability – **signed**

Invoice for Reimbursement (Member) Trash Bags for Conservation Property Management - **signed**

Invoice for Subscription (Massachusetts Wildlife) – **signed**

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0