

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AUGUST 16, 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  
David Mansfield, Clerk  
Edwin Heal, Member  
Stephen Smith, Member  
Chris Hoffman, Associate Member  
Frank Schellenger, Agent  
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant  
Laura Salonga, Associate Member

**Absent:** Thomas Roffey, Jr., Vice Chairman

**Also Present:** Peter Smith, Crowell Engineering  
Steven Wry, Land Planning, Inc.  
Jeff Hassett, Morse Engineering Company, Inc.  
Jim and Donna Travers, East Washington Street  
Robert and Demetra Houston, West Washington Street  
Joe and Betty O'Sullivan, West Washington Street  
John Norris, West Washington Street  
Pat and Jack Concree, West Washington Street  
Arthur Borgeson, West Washington Street  
Scott Shannan, Holmes Street  
Bob and Marian Scott, Holmes Street  
David Beauvais, Holmes Street  
Keith and Heather Johnson, County Road  
Jay Beaulieu – Woodman Terrace

**Minutes**

August 2, 2023

**Motion to approve minutes of August 2nd, 2023 by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Article 1 from August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Minutes**

Mr. Heal notified the Commission that the Town Accountant has requested a maximum value dollar amount for Article 1:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to amend General By-law 2-9 "Financial", section 3E "Authorized Revolving Funds" to add the following revolving fund to the Table:

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Fiscal Years
Conservation Mitigation	Mitigation Fees	Conservation Commission	Mitigation for Buffer Zone Disturbance	Fiscal Year 2023 and Subsequent Years

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** In certain cases, when applying for a permit under the Wetlands Protection Act or the Hanson Wetlands Protection By-law, the applicant is not able to avoid disturbance to the 50-foot no-touch buffer as required by the by-law. In these cases, mitigation is required for the variance, usually in the form of additional plantings (shrubs, trees). Sometimes however, the applicant is unable to place additional plantings on the lot; this revolving fund allows the Conservation Commission to accept funds in lieu, and to use the funds to place plantings on Town-owned property where they will be valuable for conservation purposes.

**Motion to sponsor Article 1 for October 2023 Town Meeting and adding the maximum amount to \$10,000 per request of Town Accountant by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### **Public Hearings**

**7:00 PM Request for Determination of Applicability** to repair the septic system to Title V Standards within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands at 842 East Washington Street, Map 113, Lot 7C, for Peter Koulouras, represented by Crowell Engineering, 981 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, MA 02360. **(New Hearing)**

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

Mr. Peter Smith, Crowell Engineering presented plans to Commission for septic system repair. Because of the high water table, there is some grading within the 50' buffer zone. Most of the lot is wetland, about 60%; a swale will be installed for water runoff. The project still needs Board of Health approval.

Agent Schellenger has no comments. He worked with Mr. Crowell to add swale because the neighbor discussed possible runoff.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

**Jim Travers, East Washington Street** - He was not aware there is swale.

**Donna Travers, East Washington Street** – That area is a problem and there with the water table, that is their concern.

**Motion to issue variance to work within the 50' buffer zone by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion to close hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination subject to special conditions by:** Stephen Smith

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**7:15 PM Continued Notice of Intent** to construct a new single family house, gravel driveway, subsurface sewage disposal system, utilities, site grading, and landscaping of disturbed areas within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot 1A Lakeside Road, Map 79, Lot 26-2A for Scott Burgess, ATL Construction, represented by Steven Wry, Land Planning, Inc., 1115 Main Street Hanson, MA 02341 **(DEP# SE175-0752)**

**7:30 PM Continued Notice of Intent** to construct a new single family house, gravel driveway, subsurface sewage disposal system, utilities, site grading, and landscaping of disturbed areas within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot 2A Lakeside Road, Map 79, Lot 26-2 for Scott Burgess, ATL Construction, represented by Steven Wry, Land Planning, Inc., 1115 Main Street Hanson, MA 02341 **(DEP# SE175-0753)**

**7:45 PM Continued Notice of Intent** to construct a new single family house, gravel driveway, subsurface sewage disposal system, utilities, site grading, and landscaping of disturbed areas within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot 3A Lakeside Road, Map 79, Lot 26-2B for Scott Burgess, ATL Construction, represented by Steven Wry, Land Planning, Inc., 1115 Main Street Hanson, MA 02341 (DEP# SE175-0754)

**Hearing(s) continued to September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 PM per request of Applicant by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**\*RECESS TAKEN at 7:50PM**

**\*\*MEETING RESUMED at 8:00PM**

**8:00 PM Notice of Intent** to construct an above ground pool and pool deck in the location of a former above ground pool that was removed within 100' bordering vegetated wetlands at 250 Holly Ridge Drive, Map 111, Lot 106, for Jeffrey Miller, represented by Steven Wry, Land Planning, Inc., 1115 Main Street Hanson, MA 02341 (**New Hearing**)

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

Mr. Wry, Land Planning, Inc. presented plans to Commission to construct a 21' circular above ground pool and pool deck in location of former 17' rectangular above ground pool. The septic is to left of residence, the backyard is lawn area that comes up to wetland area, and there is an existing shed in the wetland area. Delineation was completed by Ken Thompson. The circular pool would make it about 23' from the wetland.

Agent Schellenger had no comments, the proposal is exactly as described as plan.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

**Motion to issue variance to work within the 50' buffer zone by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion to close hearing and approve project subject to special conditions by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**8:15 PM Continued Notice of Intent** to construct two bituminous concrete roadways with two cul-de-sac turnarounds, associated sidewalks, underground utilities, and drainage structures to create frontage for a nine-lot definitive subdivision located within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands at 0 County Road, Map 74 Lots 7 and 8, Meadow Brook Farms, formerly Fern Hill Estates, for Burrage Farms LLC, represented by Morse Engineering Company, Inc., PO Box 92, Scituate MA 02066. (DEP #SE175-0750)

Jeff Hassett, Morse Engineering Company, Inc. presented updated plans to Commission. They re-filed in January, the wetland has been reviewed, the project has been reviewed twice by Allen&Major Associates, Inc., and Verdantas. They have addressed the comments from both and are hoping to close out hearing. There is one small wetland alteration that would require work within 50' buffer zone at the entrance. Each of the lots will require Notice of Intent filings for each individual lot.

Chair Clemons stated that it is the Commission's main concern to always do our job and comply with the Wetlands Protection Act. The Commission went on a site walk in that area some time ago. By request, Chair Clemons read letter from Ms. Marian Scott, a direct abutter to the proposed 0 County road development project. He then opened the floor to the Commission and then asked if there were any questions, comments.

Mr. Hassett notified commission:

*The lower portion of the infiltration basin has been raised 2" to provide at least 4' of groundwater separation. The HydroCAD and drawdown calculations apply infiltration to only the area that has at least 4' of groundwater separation. A double ring infiltrometer test has been performed within the drainage basin areas directly adjacent to Testpit GM-1.*

*Exfiltration Rate Calculations are included. A constant flow rate was calculated by applying the infiltration rate velocity over the surface area with 4' of groundwater separation. The Double Ring Infiltrometer Test Results have also been added.*

*The TSS removal worksheets have been revised. An additional Stormceptor has been added to the treatment train that discharges at HW-1. A sediment forebay has been added to the treatment train that discharges at HW-3. The stormceptors have been limited to 50% TSS removal.*

*The slope within the drainage easement 2, providing access to the grassed depression, has been decreased from 3:1 to 10:1.*

Mr. Hassett stated that they are also proposing to place rubber underneath the detention area. The Planning Board also recommended this. They would submit a revised plan and add a dash line to show proposed rubber.

Mr. Mansfield said his concern is not the design, it is the ongoing maintenance. If there is a homeowner's association and they are not taking care of issues, then town has an issue.

Mr. Hassett stated the operation and management plan will state what has to be done. It will be set up and buyers will be made aware, there will be a fund set up. There will be 9 Notice of Intent filings. Maintenance logs are required to be submitted to the Conservation Commission.

Agent Schellenger would like to clarify HOA. The Applicant is responsible for 5 years after project?

Mr. Hassett never heard of 5 years. It would be the developer's responsibility before HOA. There would be a formal HOA at some point down the road, it would be public record.

Chair Clemons stated approval of the design is what is being asked of the Commission, we are just putting concerns on record.

Agent Schellenger suggest the developer be bonded to ensure maintenance. Bonds in the past have been pretty minimal. He requests it be substantial enough so the plan is completed and maintained in accordance and requirements of MA DEP. We need some estimates and then bond can be a percentage.

Mr. Hassett stated that a bond sounds reasonable.

**Bob Scott, Holmes Street** – Question to Jeff regarding sheet 13 of plan. The groundwater level is 80' on lot 2, what is the top of foundation? Is there a pipe along line?

**Jeff Hassett** – Top of foundation is at 91.5. A berm and swale have been added and no water will come towards the Scott property. Natural vegetation will remain and evergreens are being proposed. There is no pipe, you will see berm and swale. Even without swale the water will not do that, the swale is just an assurance.

**Bob Scott, Holmes Street** – Water eventually goes into properties such as the Houston's and The Blueberry Farm.

**Jeff Hassett** – The Stormwater Design is to control rate as to which water is to get there. It is all in the calculations and requirements that are met.

**Bob Scott, Holmes Street** – Question to Jeff regarding Lot 3, this is a huge lot, will anything be proposed to be built?

**Jeff Hassett** – Lot 3 does not have anything proposed there.

**Marian Scot, Holmes Street** – No cutting woods?

**Jeff Hassett** – Correct.

**Heather Johnson, County Road** – Would like to revisit bond, it would ensure money for repairs, does that also protect abutters. She is concerned for their well and septic. Does the bond protect us?

**Chair Clemons** – The goal is to have project completed correctly.

**Chair Clemons** – Is there water service being proposed?

**Jeff Hassett** – There will be a Hanson Water connection.

**Keith Johnson, County Road** – One of the MA DEP Denials included private drinking water, is the water tie-in the compensation?

**Jeff Hassett** – The only reason water was added was the concern that was voiced. The project is important to the Applicant. The Commission denied project due to outstanding comments. That is why MA DEP denied project. It is now at point where all comments have been addressed and the project has been reviewed by 2 Peer Reviewers. The project does protect the drinking water supply.

**Chair Clemons** – We do not know a reasonable dollar amount, but we see that as a set of our requirements.

**Joe O'Sullivan, West Washington Street** – I am confused about Burrage Farms and Meadowbrook, there are 3 names and one that applies is Meadowbrook Farms.

**Jeff Hassett** – The Planning Board did not like Burrage Farms.

**Joe O'Sullivan, West Washington Street** – Mr. O'Sullivan asks that the Commission reject this proposal. You have the authority to analyze future impact, if you choose, you need to bond. This plan is a disaster for Hanson. It has happened before to Pennsylvania Avenue. Please reject.

**Chair Clemons** – Is domestic water use, the volumes, factored into this plan? Extra water is anticipated through domestic systems.

**Jeff Hassett** – Typically not. Runoff is faster in paved area compared to wooded. It was done for this project and it is more than compliant.

**Art Borgeson, West Washington Street** – I am not an abutter, but does not see this project as viable. It is time to be hard-nosed. When Pennsylvania Avenue was being built, basements were filled with water. He supports the people against this project. He has come a 2<sup>nd</sup> time to support.

**Bob Houston, West Washington Street** – We talked about HOA, no one knows if there will be any. What he sees is the developer putting in road then handing off to builder the deeds of lots. You put the restrictions on it so that they are fully aware up front so they understand the liability. What they do in their yard will affect all of us. We do not need any more water in yards. Sooner or later you will have to consider the whole area. He is against this project.

**Pat Concrey, The Blueberry Farm, West Washington Street** – Her concern is the water runoff that will affect the blueberry bushes.

**Jeff Hassett** – The project is designed with a large detention basin, less volume of runoff. The project has been reviewed for the past 7 months by 3 engineers.

**Jeff Hassett** – The bond that the Planning Board is requiring is a covenant and surety bond. It is recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

**Agent Schellenger** – He would recommend that we have a serious discussion with the Applicant. The Planning covenant will not happen until the roadway is built.

**Bob Scott, County Road** – Could a condition be made that the bond would include abutters and a condition that calls in an Engineer so that they can see everything is built as planned?

**Jeff Hassett** – That is happening.

**Demetra Houson, County Road** – 17,000 plus truckloads that no one will take responsibility for. You are destroying Hanson by allowing. It needs to stop. It has already been stopped before, she is done with it.

**John Norris, West Washington Street** – It is a dangerous, foolish project. Who wants to have a lawsuit. This is getting crazy.

**Scott Shannan, Holmes Street** – He has concerns regarding the Stormwater Management System. The runoff would now be 2 water sides into swamp, any comment on affecting swamp area? He has concerns, his yard is already wet.

**Jeff Hassett** - It will not be affected.

**Joe O'Sullivan, West Washington Street** - He would like this committee to be our homeowner's association and have our interest in your actions tonight. There is only a handful of us. Is this project good for Hanson?

**Elizabeth O'Sullivan, West Washington Street** – When we moved here 47 years ago, we had no water. Today the place is drowning in water.

**Heather Johnson, County Road** – Can you estimate, how long, if project is approved, how long the trucks, construction, will be? I'm talking the whole project.

**Jeff Hassett** – It is hard to place a timeframe, the road has to be constructed, trees cleared, fill, grading, utilities. At the time, lots will be constructed individually. He can predict road will be 6-9 months.

He understands concerns, the project has been reviewed by 2 peer reviewers. The stormwater concerns have been looked at very carefully and addressed.

Chair Clemons stated that we need to look at the factual numbers shown. Numbers are based on higher level of rainfalls. There is a safety factor built in. We have tools that are available, those tools are not based on speculations. Chair Clemons asked Agent Schellenger thoughts on the peer reviews that were received. Two years ago there were defects, we may be in a different place today.

Agent Schellenger stated the Allen & Major Associates, Inc. review was thorough. The project meets the requirements by the State.

Mr. Hassett said they would accept the condition of bond that would be put up prior to construction. The bond covers the construction of the project.

Chair Clemons stated the Commission's responsibility as far as bonding can be would be the property designed, watched over, and maintained.

**John Norris, West Washington Street** – You have the decision in direction of protection to the town.

**Joe O'Sullivan, West Washington Street** – We have already been damaged.

**Keith Johnson, County Road** – We already have a problem with wetlands. It doesn't matter, the problem is already there, whatever they do is not going to fix what is already there.

**John Norris, West Washington Street** - The biggest risk is when maintenance doesn't work. The good citizens of Hanson are not going to stand back.

Chair Clemons stated the failure is just a guess.

**Motion to continue hearing to September 6, 2023 at 8:15PM by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

### Discussions

**Request for Certificate of Compliance** for 103 Whitman Street, Map 106, Lot 10, for David W. and Laurie A. Tyrie (DEP #SE175-0051 – **requires vote and signatures**)

**Motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Request to approve a Minor Modification to a Plan** for 150 Woodman Terrace, Map 70, Lot 61, DEP# SE175-0723 – **requires vote**

Mr. Beaulieu would like to request minor modification to remove 3 pine trees leaning and endangering structures.

**Motion to issue variance for work within 50' buffer zone:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion to approve a minor modification to the plan by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Authorized Signers Update – requires vote and signatures**

**Motion to approve Authorized Signers updated list by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Request to approve a Minor Modification to a Plan** to the gas regulator project for Stephen Bryant, Eversource, Map 106, Lot 11, at Whitman and Winter Street, SWCA Project: 67457, DEP# SE175-0684 – **requires vote**

Eversource is seeking a minor field change that would allow 3 dead pine trees to be replaced with 3 Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniper virginiana*) and also seeking confirmation that a grass seed mix may be applied to the slope leading to the rain garden. Currently, there is no seed mix proposed on the plans for the slopes leading down to the rain garden which should be stabilized.

**Motion to approve a minor modification to the plan to include plantings and seed mix by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Enforcement Order** for 42 Carriage Road, Map 112, Lot 25 – **requires ratification**

The property at 42 Carriage Road was filled, loamed, and seeded in the area within Wetlands Protection Act jurisdiction without a Conservation Commission permit. In addition, this activity has changed the topography such that the neighboring property at 58 Carriage Road receive the runoff. Enforcement Order requires a restoration plan to be filed with the issuing authority on or before September 16, 2023

**Motion to ratify Enforcement Order for 42 Carriage Road, Map 112, Lot 25 by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Conservation Properties Status;** Defer to next meeting.  
**Property Management Update;** Defer to next meeting.  
**Open Space Acquisition;** Defer to next meeting.  
**Trail Maps;** Defer to next meeting.

**Old Business/New Business**

**Invoice for Public Hearing Notice** (Hanson Express) 842 East Washington Street, Map 113, Lot 7C, **Request for Determination of Applicability – signed**

**Invoice for Public Hearing Notice** (Hanson Express) 250 Holly Ridge Drive, Map 111, Lot 106, **Notice of Intent – signed**

**Invoice for Name Plate** (Harding Print) for Steve Smith, Commission Member – **signed**

**Invoice for Bonney Hill Trail** (Appalachian Mountain Club) for Boardwalk Construction – **requires vote and signatures for CPC**

**Motion to submit Bonney Hill Trail Invoice for \$9,975.00 to CPC for payment submittal by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion to adjourn at 10:09 PM by:** Stephen Smith

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 4-0-0

I am sending this letter to the Conservation Commission to be read at their meeting on June 21. Hope to see many of you there. Please feel free to forward this email to anyone else you think might be interested. We need all the support we can get.

Dear Mr Schellenger,

I would like to request that the following concerns be read into the minutes of the Town of Hanson Conservation Commission meeting scheduled to be held on June 21, 2023

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Hanson and a direct abutter to the proposed 0 County Rd development project.

Upon reading the peer reviews on this project it seems that the developer will need several waivers to make this project happen as currently proposed. Assuming revisions to the plan will address the areas where waivers would be necessary I would like to ask the Conservation Commission to strongly consider not granting any requests for waivers in any area dealing with storm water management and containment. These laws were put in place for a reason. This area of Hanson is already struggling to keep up with storm water runoff. The developer should be required to meet all State of Massachusetts as well as Town of Hanson established by-laws and recommendations that pertain to the containment of storm water especially with the additional water that the proposed 9 new houses will release from daily use. I am very worried that water being released into land that has been built up several feet will have a greater chance of flowing to neighboring properties and wetlands causing flooding, failed septic systems and contaminated wells. Historically there has been poor drainage in this area as demonstrated by the constant flooding of yards and basements in the area. This is also demonstrated by the water that is not absorbed into the ground and ends up flowing across Holmes St or through a broken drainage pipe under Holmes St. This water currently ends up flooding yards, basements and our precious wetlands with excess water possibly contaminated with wastewater, chemicals and pollutants. I ask the Conservation Commission to do the responsible thing and require strong adherence to the state and town mandates, by-laws and directives governing storm water management and require any development of this area to abide by the State of Massachusetts and Town of Hanson by-laws. Any property that is built up 4 to 7 feet is bound to have drainage to the surrounding area especially when there is impervious soil beneath it.

If waivers are requested in order to make this project happen I would like to point out that although some waivers may be feasible and acceptable others will be very detrimental to our precious wetlands and neighboring properties.

Please vote responsibly and in the best interests of the residents of Hanson and require strict adherence to the established laws that have to do with water containment and management.

Marian Scott  
119 Holmes St.  
Hanson, Ma. 02341

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I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Hanson and an abutter to the proposed 0 County Rd project. The State of Massachusetts DEP as well as the Hanson Conservation Commission have denied a prior attempt to develop this land citing various concerns in an effort to protect the wetlands and current residents of Hanson. Their denial was based on an in depth review of the project by Town of Hanson appointed Chessia Consulting Services LLC and also a review of all previously submitted documentation of this project by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management. ( Please see submitted pages # 2 and 3 of plans and documents that were cited in their denial.) These documents cited by the state need to be addressed as to how these issues will be affected by this new proposal. This coupled with the fact the GIS maps list this area as consisting of an abundance of ledge and lacustrine soil which is known for its poor drainage properties is a red flag. The poor drainage in this area of Hanson has historically caused much flooding to neighboring homes. Some residents have had to make major repairs due to flooded basements, some have had to replace septic systems and one nearby resident had to raise his house to avoid flooding. Currently water not absorbed by the ground runs across Holmes St and continues to do this for several days after a heavy rainfall. ( see attached page # 4 ). Recently the Hanson Highway Department had to bring out heavy equipment to scrape the ice off the pavement on the curve in front of 119 Holmes St. This ice collected as a result of water not being absorbed by the impervious soil beneath the ground that drained onto the road and froze. This section of Holmes St has a history of being the site of many traffic accidents over the years due to the curve in the road. This coupled with ice makes it an even bigger hazard.

I am very concerned as to the ramifications of building up several acres of land 4 to 7 feet and how it will influence storm water management. The building of 9 new houses will ultimately add well over a million gallons of water a year to an area that is already overburdened. If the detention basins do not drain properly the results could be disastrous to the wetlands and residents surrounding this development. Please see attachment page # 5 showing photos of how the water in this area remains on top of the ground days after a rainfall as the water is not able to penetrate the existing soil. This concern was also pointed out in the refusal by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in a prior request to develop this property.

The Hanson Highway Department needs to be consulted concerning this project as currently there is a broken pipe which carries the water from the wetlands under Holmes St. to the opposite side where there are agricultural businesses that are already struggling from the effects of excess water. These local businesses will be devastated with the addition of this much additional water. This affects the drainage on private property on both sides of the street. This pipe is in no condition to handle a million more gallons of water a year. This water ultimately drains into the Taunton River Watershed which should not be receiving water contaminated with household runoff, fertilizer and pesticides from several new houses.

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I do not personally rely on a private well for my household water but I am very concerned for the abutters that do. Water draining from roads and land that has been filled 4 to 7 feet could very easily contain contaminants from fertilizers, insect control and road salt etc. that could seep into these existing wells endangering the people relying on these for their water. This concern was also voiced by the Mass DEP in their denial of this project.

Studies need to be done to see if the proposed detention ponds will be large enough to hold the output of an additional over a million gallons of water from 9 houses as well as the storm water runoff from all the additional impervious surfaces from roads, driveways, possible swimming pools etc.

In your review I would appreciate it if you would include these concerns into your investigation. I question if the ground below can withstand such a major change to the ground above. How can an elevation change of 4 to 7 feet of soil not cause water run off and flooding to neighboring property , roads and wetlands.

If this project is to go forward the residents of Hanson and abutters need a guarantee from the developer that the long time residents and tax payers of Hanson will not be adversely affected by this project. One company's gain should not be the demise of existing businesses and destruction of family estates.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Marian Scott  
119 Holmes St. Hanson, Ma. 02341

Water puddling in front yard of 119 Holmes St several days after heavy rainfall. Rain remains on top of ground as it is impervious underneath.



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Water flowing across Holmes St several days after heavy rainfall. In winter this freezes and is a hazard and especially dangerous because it is located on the curve where there have been several accidents in the past.



I would appreciate it if you would forward to Joe Campbell, Chairman and Phil Clemons, Chairman the following additional concerns I have regarding the selection of a peer reviewer and other issues pertaining to the O County Road Project to be read into the record on your respective meetings of 3/13/23 and 3/15/23.

I understand that there was some discussion about who to hire as Peer Reviewer, that both the Planning Board and Hanson Conservation Commission could use together.

I would oppose the use of ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS and GEOSCIENCE as peer reviewers due to the fact that both companies were used by the developer on the previous Fern Hill Estates project (DEP FILE# SE 175-0730) which was denied by the Department of Environmental Protection and Hanson Conservation Commission. This would remove any bias towards the developer and the Town of Hanson.

If this project is approved, the new detention basins will need to be required to hold all the stormwater runoff as well as the additional over a million gallons of water from daily water usage of the proposed 9 houses. I am submitting pictures on separate pages that were taken on July 2021 and November 2021 that reflect the continuous flow of water running from the West end of the project area ( where the detention ponds are proposed to be located). This continuous flow runs under Holmes St. ( located near the wetland property northly of 119 Holmes St) through a broken pipe to the other side of Holmes St. This would affect the wetlands on both sides of Holmes Street as well as several local agricultural businesses.

Consideration should also be given to contacting the Taunton River Watershed Council to see if this project would have any negative effect on the watershed.

Thanks for your attention in this matter.

Robert Scott

119 Holmes St, Hanson

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