

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING JANUARY 17, 2024  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, HANSON TOWN HALL  
542 LIBERTY STREET, HANSON, MA 02341**

Called to Order at 7:03 pm under M.G.L. c131, §40 and the Hanson By-Law 3-13, §5 and Rules and Regulations by Thomas Roffey, Jr., Vice Chairman, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall, Hanson, MA. This meeting of the Hanson Conservation Commission is audio-recorded.

**Present:** Thomas Roffey, Jr., Vice Chairman  
David Mansfield, Clerk  
Stephen Smith, Member  
Frank Schellenger, Agent  
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Phil Clemons, Chairman  
Edwin Heal, Member

**Minutes**

January 3rd, 2024

**Motion to approve minutes of January 3rd, 2024 by:** David Mansfield  
**Second:** Stephen Smith  
**Vote:** 2-0-1

**Public Hearings** - (None)

**Appointments** – (None)

**Discussions**

Hanson Water Department Old Pine Drive Project Discussion – **Cancelled**

Annual Town Report – **Due Date January 19, 2024**

**Motion to accept Annual Town Report as presented by:** David Mansfield  
**Second:** Stephen Smith  
**Vote:** 3-0-0

Warrant Articles – **Due Date February 8, 2024**

*Article 1 Approved by Conservation Commission January 3rd, 2024*

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash or raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 to replenish the Conservation Fund.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** The Conservation Fund supports the Commission's efforts to carry out its care and custody responsibilities for open space and recreation areas. These efforts include trail building and maintenance; provision of signage, notices, and other information; property enhancements, such as mowing, invasive vegetation removal, and

site clean-up; wildlife habitat and stream improvements; removal of encroachments, establishment of bounds and survey recordings; and obtaining equipment necessary to support these activities.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash or raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 to eradicate invasive phragmites at Smitty's Bog, to be added to Article 26 of the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** Phragmites have invaded the Smitty's Bog Reserve and threaten to spread throughout this important resource area. The Town's agreement with the Federal USDA/NRCS requires that this Reserve be maintained in good health for the continued enjoyment of future users. A wetlands specialist was engaged to treat the invasive weed in FY2024. It is highly recommended that treatment be repeated annually over a three-year period to ensure it is eradicated at the site. This request will fund the second and third annual treatments.

**Motion to sponsor Article 2 for May 2024 Town Meeting by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 3-0-0

Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations Signage

**Motion to accept Rules and Regulations Signage Wording and to expend no more than \$600.00 for 12 signs by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 3-0-0

Property Management Update; Trash removed at properties where needed.

Open Space Acquisition - No new update.

The NSRWA would like to give a presentation regarding Watersmart. To be placed on future Conservation Agenda once advised.

**Old Business/New Business**

**Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (WH Express) 141 Pennsylvania Avenue, Map 84, Lot 2A-12A, Notice of Intent - signed**

**Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (WH Express) 42 Carriage Road, Map 112, Lot 24, Request Det of Applicability - signed**

**Invoice for Mowing (William A. Powers, Sr.) Bonney Hill Trail – Meadows – signed**

**Invoice for Office Supplies (WB Mason) Legal Storage Boxes – signed**

**Invoice for Sign (Webster Printing Company, Inc.) Sleeper Family sign – signed**

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

**Motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM by:** David Mansfield

**Second:** Stephen Smith

**Vote:** 3-0-0