

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 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 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
Edwin Heal, Member
Stephen Smith, Member
Chris Hoffman, Associate Member
Frank Schellenger, Agent
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

Also Present: Nolan and Maura Brown, Carriage Road

Minutes

January 17th, 2024

Motion to approve minutes of January 17th, 2024 by: David Mansfield

Second: Stephen Smith

Vote: 3-0-2

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Notice of Intent to construct an addition to existing single family dwelling on a previously developed lot including minor site grading and landscaping within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands at 903 Main Street, Map 42, Lot 8B-1, for Ketan Patel, Shantiniketan, LLC, represented by Steven Wry, Land Planning, Inc., 1115 Main Street, Hanson, MA 02341. **(DEP# SE175-0765) (New Hearing)** **Hearing rescheduled to **February 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM.**

7:15 PM Notice of Intent to repair existing crushed sump pump pipe, install fencing, and to provide wetland plantings to mitigate the cleared and filled wetland area on the property located within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands at 42 Carriage Road, Map 112, Lot 25, for Nolan Brown, 42 Carriage Road, Hanson, MA 02341. **(DEP# SE175-0766) (New Hearing)**

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

Agent Schellenger reiterated that the Request for Determination of Applicability proposal that was discussed stated there would be a number of plantings around perimeter of lot. Plantings take form of mitigation for use of the 50' buffer zone. It was further discussed that the pipe would stay and there would be a pool at the end that would collect stormwater before release into soil. Also discussed was tilting up the berm on North side so that water would run to the "pool" so it did not sheet off into neighbor's property.

The only remaining issue was how to handle the actual wetland itself. Despite the fact that Outback Engineering outlined where they thought the wetland is, it is not at all clear. Prior to the Brown's moving there, at an earlier time, there was a septic system repaired. As far as the extent of the wetland, it is not clear. The suggested amount to pay for mitigation fund is \$330.00.

Chair Clemons stated that the Commission had site visits, extensive discussion with Outback Engineering and the Brown's; it seems we are close to final resolution. We believe that there has been impact to wetland resource areas. As far as the discussion to put up money for the mitigation fund, the Indian Head Brook watershed has ample opportunity to use funds and enhance the watershed overall.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

Motion to issue a variance to work within 50' buffer zone by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Stephen Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to close hearing and approve project subject to special conditions and contribution of \$330.00 to the Conservation Mitigation Fund for offsite mitigation by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 5-0-0

Discussions

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for Cranberry Cove, 460 Indian Head Street, Map 4706, Lot 330, for Roger Means, Town of Hanson Recreation Department (DEP #SE175-0762) – **requires vote and signatures**

Agent Schellenger has visited site. The work has been completed.

Motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Stephen Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 294 County Road, Map 74, Lot 4-3, for Heidi Macfarlane (DEP #SE175-0503) – **requires vote and signatures**

Agent Schellenger stated this was from 2006. The Applicant is selling house and needs to close the Order of Conditions.

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

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 5-0-0

National Grid Electric Service Proposal for 368 Indian Street, Old Pump House – Request #: 30870914

Agent Schellenger still in process of negotiating.

Capital Improvement Fiscal Year 2025 – Due February 2, 2024

Factory Pond Dam is the one item we have listed. It is due for inspection in April 2025, Fiscal 2025; if there is a fault in inspection, it would need repair the following year. In the past, Hanover has paid for this.

State Ethics Commission Conflict of Ethics Training 2024 – Due February 7, 2024

MACC Annual Environmental Conference – Reminder March 2, 2024

Conservation Rules and Regulations

Motion to add previously approved Rules and Regulations for use of Hanson Conservation Lands to Conservation Regulations as permitted by General By-Laws, Article 3-13 by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Edwin Heal

Vote: 5-0-0

Mitigation Revolving Fund Use; Tabled to next meeting.

Property Management Update; Trash picked up in areas needed. Kiosk project will be done at Camp Kiwanee. The signage draft printed for Commission review.

Motion to approve Dandel Construction parking lot project quote of no more than \$6,500.00 for Crooker Place Parking Lot by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Stephen Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve Mr. Mansfield to contact Dandel Construction for parking lot quotes for Poor Meadow and Smith-Nawakzelski by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Stephen Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Bonney Hill Trail; Sign damaged and couch left. Concerns regarding damage and trespassing.

Motion to submit memo to Select Board with Photos and urge them to fix the two remaining access points to avoid any possible future damage/trespassing to new trail and property in general by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Smith-Nawazelski; Work started on trails.

Poor Meadow; About 200' of trail is being re-routed, mucky. To make walkable, we would need about 20-25 bog bridges or close until better weather conditions.

Open Space Acquisition; Discussion regarding possible interest in purchase of **Hubbell Property** at price of \$117,500.

Whitman Street; Possible Land Donation by Jeffrey Landreville. There is a placeholder for article to be placed on May Town Meeting warrant. Agent Schellenger is working with Town Administrator Lisa Green on land acquisition.

Motion to approve Article placeholder for May Town Meeting Warrant and for Agent Schellenger to work with Town Administrator regarding the acquisition by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (WH Express) 903 Main Street, Map 42, Lot 8B-1, Notice of Intent – pending invoice

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (WH Express) 42 Carriage Road, Map 112, Lot 25, Notice of Intent – signed

Invoice for Sign(s) (Webster Printing/Packaging) Conservation Rules and Regulations-12 count – signed

Invoice for Renewal (Massachusetts Wildlife) Subscription – signed

Invoice for Office Supplies (WB Mason) Post-It Notes – signed

Invoice for Hybrid Classes (Staff) MACC Conference March 2024 – signed

Invoice(s) for Registration (Staff) MACC Conference March 2024 – signed

Invoice for Reimbursement (Staff) MACC Conference March 2024 – signed

Invoice for Reimbursement (Staff) MACC Conference October 2023/MACC Handbook – signed

Motion to adjourn at 9:01 PM by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0