

**HANSON PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 22nd, 2016 AT 7:00 PM
HANSON TOWN HALL, MEETING ROOM A**

A meeting of the Town of Hanson Planning Board was called to order on February 22, 2016 at the Hanson Town Hall, 542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA in Meeting Room A. Members present were Chairman Donald Ellis, Joseph Gamache, Joseph Weeks and John Kemmett. Stephen Regan arrived at 7:14 p.m.

By motion made and seconded, the meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

Appointments

Mike Facchini of **Stonebridge Commons** approached the Board to discuss a request for release from the Planning Board covenant for Building #14, Units 55 & 56 at Stonebridge Commons. Mr. Facchini indicated that he had a closing scheduled for the first and second weeks of March. Building 12A is the last building remaining on the cul de sac.

Mr. Regan expressed concerns related to the Liberty Street access and the lack of a track pad and security gate to prevent unauthorized access to the rear of the site. Mr. Regan would like a snow fence or log placed at the entrance to prohibit such access. Mr. Facchini stated that he would have the restrictions in place first thing in the morning and will provide a photograph to the office.

Joseph Weeks made a motion to release the covenant for Building 14, Units 55 & 56 of the Stonebridge Commons project. Joseph Gamache seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board signed the release.

Minutes

Joseph Weeks make a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2016 as typed. Joseph Gamache and Stephen Regan seconded the motion. Don Ellis Abstained. The motion passed.

The Town Planner distributed binders to the Board containing the following items:

Municipal Planning & Subdivision Handbook

1. Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board
2. Special Permits
3. Zoning Bylaw Town of Hanson
4. Hanson General Bylaws
5. ANR Handbook 2010
6. Municipal Planning & Subdivision Handbook
7. Overview of Subdivision Control Law
8. Procedural Requirements of the Subdivision Control Law
9. The Zoning Act Chapter 40A
10. Non-Conforming Lots Structures and Uses
11. Complete Streets Policy

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The Town Planner provided the Board with a status update of the Maquan Street TIP project. A meeting was held on December 10, 2015 at the Old Colony Planning Council. Members present were Town Planner Laurie Muncy, Administrative Assistant Joni DiLillo, Selectmen Donald Howard, Highway Surveyor Robert Brown, Transportation Program Manager Charles Kilmer, Executive Director of OCPC Pat Ciaramella, MassDOT Project Engineer Pamela Haznar and MassDOT D5 Transportation Planner Timothy Kochan.

This meeting was called to order to discuss a Project Needs Form submitted to the District by the Town of Hanson for corridor improvements along Route 14. The project limits extend from the Pembroke town line to Indian Head Street for a length of 1.2 miles. The project would tie into the Pembroke Route 14 TIP project, recently advertised for construction. The roadway regularly floods in certain locations and is abutted by two ponds. The town intends to make drainage improvements by introducing BMPs and eliminate direct discharges into the ponds.

The Town has concerns with sight distance, particularly one vertical curve as well as at intersecting streets. Two major intersections the town would like to see improvements on are Route 14/58 and Route 14/School Street. Other intersections, nine in total, could use work as well, particularly in relation to sight distance.

The Town will be looking to install a 16" water line prior to the TIP Project. Otherwise it could be incorporated into transportation project. The Healthy Transportation Policy was discussed. Two sidewalks should be considered. If not feasible, a Department Exemption Request should be prepared. The project should include eleven foot travel lanes and five foot shoulders as a potential cross section. Utility relocation policies and Right of Way – the town was advised to get ROW and easements for utilities.

An overview of the TIP process was provided to the Board. The Town Planner has submitted an Article for insertion on the Annual Town Meeting warrant to fund outreach services to obtain input and gauge support for the project, including residential and commercial abutters. This information generated from these outreach activities will be provided to MassDOT District 5 with the Project Initiation Form. The town is encouraged to request funding for the full cost of design at an upcoming town meeting.

Old Business/New Business

WB Mason/Invoice - **signed**
Norwood Printing/Invoices - **signed**

Joseph Gamache made a motion to close the meeting. Motion seconded by Joseph Weeks. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Muncy
Town Planner/Conservation Agent