

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF OCTOBER 27th, 2015
TOWN HALL, 542 LIBERTY STREET, HANSON, MA**

Called to Order at 7:00 PM under M.G.L. c 131, §40 and the Hanson By-Law 3-13, §5 and Rules and Regulations by John Kemmett, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

Present: John Kemmett, Chairman
Brenna Audette, Member
Philip Clemons, Member
Absent: Frank Schellenger, Vice Chairman
Brad Kirlin, Member
Also Present: Laurie Muncy, Agent
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of October 13th, 2015: Phil Clemons

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 3-0-0

Discussions

Request to approve a Minor Modification to the Plan for removal of dike at Smitty's Bog (DEP #SE175-0632)

Mr. Clemons suggested that the Commission approve the work at Smitty's Bog to relieve flooding problems at Katydid Lane for the reasons outlined in a letter dated 10/15/2015. He said that the idea is to simply take action on a town funded project that for all intents and purposes is part of the Wetlands Restoration Plan of Operation (WRPO) to enhance the natural flow of water at the bogs. Mr. Clemons added that it's minor in nature, was discussed at a public hearing and after numerous site walks, the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) designed a diagram into the approved Plan to connect wet areas which the dike had disconnected. Mr. Kemmett wanted to make sure that the Stormwater Management Plan (MS4) will be updated after the work is done.

Motion to approve a Minor Modification to the WRPO Plan on file: Phil Clemons

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 3-0-0

Ms. Muncy informed the Commission that four (4) Invitations to Bid were sent out to local contractors and they had only received one back from Dandel Construction, Inc.. She had met with Mr. Tom Irving of Dandel and Mr. Record who was 100% in support of the work beginning. Mr. Kemmett asked Ms. Muncy to run it by the Town Administrator for standard contract documents.

Motion to award the project to Dandel Construction, Inc. subject to conversation and detail about the final construction: Phil Clemons

Second: Brenna Audette

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20 Arlene Street

Ms. Muncy had spoken with Ms. O'Leary to schedule a site walk on November 3rd, 2015. She notified her that she was still responsible for paying the fine. Mr. Kemmett mentioned that we need a definitive date for Ms. O'Leary to come back to a Conservation meeting. Ms. Muncy will post the site walk.

Old Business/New Business

Determination of Applicability for proposed sediment sampling from the Indian Head River downstream of the Factory Pond Dam between Factory Pond Dam and Elm Street for Fireworks Joint Defense Group – **signed**

Projector for the meeting room

Mr. Kemmett suggested getting a few more estimates for a projector and a laptop as the one price from Ockers was a little high. Mr. Clemons agreed that it was an important part of our future in that it can be used for a range of things including management of open space properties. Mr. Kemmett added that we need more information and for office staff to do some more research.

2015 Massachusetts Annual Trails Conference

Motion to pay for the Trails Committee to attend the annual conference: John Kemmett
Second: Brenna Audette
Vote: 3-0-0

Meeting Schedule for November & December

The Commission discussed and decided to schedule meetings as follows during the holiday season:

- November 10th, 2015
- December 1st, 2015
- December 8th, 2015
- December 15th, 2015

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM: Phil Clemons
Second: Brenna Audette
Vote: 3-0-0