

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JULY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
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 Phil Clemons, Member in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

**Present:** Phil Clemons, Member  
Brenna Audette, Member  
Sharon LePorte, Member  
Laurie Muncy, Agent

**Absent:** William Woodward, Member  
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Woodward and Ms. LePorte were recently appointed members of the Commission. The appointment of John Kemmett and Frank Schellenger has ended and the Commission thanked them for their years of dedicated service.

Brenna Audette made a motion to nominate Phil Clemons as Chairman of the Commission for this meeting tonight only. Sharon LePorte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At the next scheduled meeting with a full Commission present a more formal re-organization will be on the agenda.

**Public Hearings**

**7:00 PM Request for Determination of Applicability** for the installation of a gas main along a portion of West Washington Street as well as proposed gas service connections to nearby properties within 100 ft. of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, 200 ft. Riverfront Area and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding for Columbia Gas of MA represented by Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors **(New Hearing)**

Ms. Audette read the public hearing notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Chris Anderson of Merrill Land Surveyors approached the Commission on behalf of the Columbia Gas Company. The proposed gas main will service gas needs to the new residences of 775 West Washington Street which is the Prolio condo project.

Mr. Clemons stated the origins of Poor Meadow Brook and where it meets Brett's Brook. The resource areas associated with Poor Meadow Brook were identified by Mr. Brad Holmes, P.W.S.. Some of the work falls within the buffer to bordering vegetated wetlands. Only a small portion of work is within the resource areas. The red lined map is where the digging and installation will occur. There may be a main in the area that will tie into this main. There is a gas line that crosses the brook and is labeled as such. Mr. Clemons asked if they currently connect. There is a large pipe for water and a small one for gas. Mr. Anderson will verify this tie in.

Basically they use an open trench method, 4 foot deep to install the gas main (80 to 300 feet of main a day). Trenches are only open for the day and will be backfilled at the end of the day. All work takes place within paved right of way. There will be no stockpiles within the resource areas. Everything will return to the original state. If they encroach onto the shoulder, the area will be restored prior to end of work. No disturbance to the resource areas proposed. They are looking to do the work this summer after permitting. Mr. Clemons said that a new site walk would be conducted within the next several weeks. Ms. LePorte commented that it will be interesting to see the site prior but suggested that it wasn't necessary to hold up the vote for an inspection.

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Mr. Clemons asked if there was a drawing showing the distance between the river and this proposed new line. Mr. Anderson answered the river is more than 200 feet away from the area of proposed disturbance. The Commission reviewed the Negative Determination 5.

**Motion to approve a Neg. 5 Determination of Applicability (approval):** Brenna Audette  
**Second:** Sharon LePorte  
**Vote:** 3-0-0

**7:15 PM Continued Notice of Intent** for the construction of a new dwelling and garage with associated septic system, driveway, utilities and site grading within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within the 200 foot Riparian Zone at Off Greenbrier Lane, Map 108, Lot 5-24A for Joseph Memo represented by Webby Engineering, Inc., 180 County Road, Plympton, MA 02367 (**DEP #SE175-0673**)

**Motion to continue until July 26, 2016 per request of applicant:** Sharon LePorte  
**Second:** Brenna Audette  
**Vote:** 3-0-0

**Discussions**

**Request for Partial Release of Bond** to Eric Harrington, Whitman Street, Lot 2 for mitigation work that has been completed (**DEP #SE175-0617**)

Mr. Harrington approached the Commission with a request to release a portion of the cash surety held to secure the mitigation for Whitman Street, Lot 2. Mr. Clemons recused himself as he is the consultant on the project. Mr. Harrington provided Ms. LePorte with a brief history of the site. The applicant is requesting a release of \$9,000 of the \$10,000 cash surety held for the mitigation of Lot 2. Mr. Harrington had drafted a narrative of the mitigation plan. There are several mitigation areas on the site. The area that was identified as not cleared, has not been cleared. A Planting Plan was created with each plant (113) marked with a flag. Each mitigation area has been marked with flags. The property owners have been diligent about protecting the plantings from utility and construction activities. Mr. Harrington submitted photos for the file. Since there wasn't a full quorum, the Request was postponed until the next meeting on July 26, 2016.

The designation of a representative to the Community Preservation Committee (per request of Laura Kemmett, Chair of CPC) was tabled until the next meeting

A site inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, at 8 AM onsite. Ms. Muncy will contact Mr. Woodward to let him know.

John W. Delano & Assoc./Invoice – **signed**

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM:** Sharon LePorte  
**Second:** Brenna Audette  
**Motion:** 3-0-0