

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF OCTOBER 11th, 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, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

Present: Phil Clemons, Chairman
Brenna Audette, Clerk
Sharon LePorte, Member
Bill Woodward, Member

Absent: Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Laurie Muncy, Agent
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Minutes

The minutes of September 27, 2016 were not completed in time for this meeting and were tabled.

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent for the construction of an addition within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and the Riverfront area at 108 Sleigh Drive, Map 120, Lot 53 for Daniel Geever represented by Land Planning, Inc. (DEP #SE175-0676)

Mr. Clemons recused himself from the hearing with the exception of answering any technical questions. Mr. Steve Wry of Land Planning approached the commission with a letter dated 10/7/2016 from the Natural Heritage Program of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife approving the project as proposed as it will have no adverse affect on the actual resource area of state-protected rare wildlife species. Mr. Wry also said that in addition to the conservation posts depicted on the plan, Mr. Geever will plant five Highbush Blueberry bushes along the existing treeline to mitigate for what is minimal disturbance in the 100' Inner Riparian buffer zone.

Motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions with special conditions:

Brenna Audette

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 3-0-1 (Phil Clemons abstaining)

Appointments

7:15 PM Appointment with Thomas Hastings of Thomas J. Hasting, Co., LLC to discuss an Enforcement Order for un-authorized cutting in the buffer zone at Whitman Street (Lot 1), Map 109, Lot 4 (DEP #SE175-0616) – **continued to 10/25/2016 at 7 PM per request of applicant**

Discussions

1282 Main Street Checklist prepared by John Delano (DEP #SE175-0666)

Mr. Delano submitted a letter dated 10/4/2016 with a checklist of required items that need corrective action. Mr. Clemons reminded the commission that after a partial certificate was recently issued for building #4, comment was requested from Mr. Delano regarding how the rest

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of the project was proceeding. His review of the as-built plan showed nothing of the back detention basin and recommended that this be completed before another partial certificate or permit is issued. In addition, Mr. Delano had several other comments regarding storm water management. Ms. Audette asked if the applicant had received a copy of the letter. Ms. Muncy replied that he had and since the project was phased, he had to come back for more approvals.

Estimate from John Delano for pond level monitoring at Maquan Pond

Mr. Clemons commented that recently, Mr. Franklin, an abutter to Maquan Pond, came before the commission with concerns about the pond level. As a result, Mr. Delano was consulted and asked to provide an estimate for engineering for installation of a water level monitoring gauge as a first step towards pond management. Mr. Clemons suggested that the installation itself could be done easily and it would make a lot of sense to purchase the gauge ourselves. Ms. Audette asked if the other ponds should be monitored as well. Mr. Clemons said that right now, it is above and beyond our time and resources. He added that this would be a partnership with the Recreation Department and Camp Kiwanee as they all have the pond's best interest in mind going forward.

Motion to expend \$50 to purchase a water level gauge and to approve Mr. Delano's quote for engineering for the installation of said gauge: Sharon LePorte

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 4-0-0

Tax Title Land to be divested by the Town of Hanson that require review and comment from the Commission

Mr. Clemons reported that town departments have been given 45 days to comment on several properties that were taken for non-payment of taxes and that may be sold by the town. The commission reviewed the properties to see if any might have conservation and/or environmental value. As a result, two properties were deemed of interest: One on Brook Street that abuts Indian Head River for conservation and the other is on Maquan Street which should be retained by the town for conservation and storm water management purposes.

Motion to request Ms. Muncy send a memo to the Town Administrator to express interest in the town retaining two parcels, one on Brook Street (Map 105, Lot 7) and the other on Maquan Street (Map 70, Lot 37): William Woodward

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 4-0-0

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM: William Woodward

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 4-0-0