

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27th, 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
Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman
Sharon LePorte, Member
Bill Woodward, Member
Absent: Laurie Muncy, Agent
Brenna Audette, Clerk
Also Present: Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of September 13, 2016: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-1 (Bill Woodward abstaining)

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a 16' x 24' shed within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (Oldham Pond) at 183 Lakeside Road, Map 79, Lot 20 for Henry Holmes Jr. **(New Hearing)**

Mr. Clemons read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Holmes submitted a sketch plan dated 9/7/16 explaining that he needs storage and there is no other place on the lot. Mr. Clemons commented that the sketch didn't have enough detail and since the shed will need a foundation, it has to be drawn to scale. Mr. Holmes said that he was against having a foundation as it will sink. Mr. Clemons responded that the Building Inspector has indicated that a shed of that size requires a foundation and that saturated soil is a possible indicator of wetlands. He asked for comments from abutters. Those present were:

Maureen Rizzo, Lakeside Road – she recently moved to her home and is concerned about the height of the shed and that she will lose her view of the pond.

Steven Graham, Lakeside Road – also concerned with the height of the shed.

Mr. Clemons suggested that because the shed is within the 100' buffer zone, it would require a Notice of Intent filing. He asked that the dimensions of the shed be shown on a plan (including the height), and that all resource areas including Oldham Pond as well as the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and its buffer zones be depicted. Mr. Andruk requested that the person who delineated the wetland and the date be depicted on the plan. Mr. Clemons read a letter from an abutter, Vangelina Sampson, Lakeside Road into the record. (attached)

Motion to issue a Pos. 5 Determination (denial) and require a Notice of Intent and an engineered plan: Bill Woodward

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 4-0-0

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7:15 PM 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) (New Hearing)

Mr. Clemons read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Clemons recused himself from the hearing unless he was called upon for technical assistance. Mr. Steve Wry approached the Commission with a colored Plan dated 9/8/16 for an 18' x 24' addition to a house built in 1968. He explained that the property is bounded by the Indian Head River with an associated BVW. The Mean Annual Highwater Line was delineated by Tunk Associates in Feb./2016 and reconfirmed in April. The floodplain associated with the river was based on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. In addition, the project site falls within a Priority Habitat of Rare Species and Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife. No work is to take place within the 50 buffer zone and only 1130 sf of disturbance within the 100' Riparian Zone. Erosion control is proposed at the limit of work and conservation posts along the existing treeline. Mr. Woodward asked if he had contacted Natural Heritage. Mr. Wry answered yes, but he had not received a letter from them yet.

Motion to continue to 10/11/2016 at 7 PM pending receipt of a letter from Natural Heritage: Sharon LePorte
Second: Paul Andruk
Vote: 4-0-0

Appointments

7:30 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)

Mr. Clemons read an email (attached) into the record from Brad Holmes, Environmental Consultant who was hired to represent Mr. Hastings in this matter. Mr. Holmes is going to review the site tomorrow in order to prepare an appropriate response and was not available to attend the meeting tonight to discuss restoration activities. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, who live next door to Lot 1 came to the meeting to voice their concerns.

Discussions

1282 Main Street (Casoli's) Checklist prepared by John Delano (DEP #SE175-0666) - **postponed**
Estimate from John Delano for pond level monitoring at Maquan Pond - **postponed**

Town Forestry Management Grants award letters received

Mr. Clemons reported that forests "can be left alone, or they can be managed." To that end, after hearing that DCR has a new grant program, office staff prepared two grant applications and both were awarded. These grants will pay for a consultant to prepare forestry management plans for two properties, the Smith-Nawalzelski Conservation Area and the Poor Meadow Brook Conservation Area. Additionally, the Smith-Nawalzelski Conservation Area was awarded extra monies to study it's bird habitat. The plans have to be completed by 6/30/17.

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Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 71 Stringer Lane (Lot 22A), Map 82, Lot 3-22 for Kathleen Kendall (**Local 99-3**)

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 71 Stringer Lane, Map 82, Lot 3-22 for Kathleen Kendall (**DEP #SE175-0547**)

Motion to approve and issue Certificate of Compliances: Bill Woodward

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Order of Conditions for the construction of a new dwelling and garage with associated septic system, driveway, utilities and site grading at Off Greenbrier Lane, Map 108, Lot 5-24A for Joseph Memo (**DEP #SE175-0673**) – **signed**

The Goatscaping Co./Invoice – **signed**

MACC/Invoice – **signed**

Express Newspapers/Invoice – **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 4-0-0