

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JANUARY 10th, 2017
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
Brenna Audette, Clerk
Sharon LePorte, Member

Absent: Bill Woodward, Member

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

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2016: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-1 (Brenna Audette Abstaining)

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Notice of Intent for the replacement of the existing septic system at Camp Kiwanee property and the installation of a stone berm for storm water control within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at Camp Kiwanee Road, Map 54, Lot 9 for Michael McCue, Town of Hanson represented by BETA Group, Inc. **(DEP #SE175-0678) (New Hearing)**

Mr. Clemons read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutter notification was verified. Also present at the meeting were the members of the Board of Health (BOH) and Administrative Assistant, Theresa Cocio. Mr. Al Hanscom, P.E. for BETA Group said he would give a brief summary of the project and request a continuance as the bids for the project came in significantly higher than anticipated. Also, TA, Mike McCue has asked that the BOH and the Conservation Commission have discussion and input into the design before its sent out for re-bid.

Mr. Hanscom continued by explaining that the project has three phases. Phase I is for the removal of the failed cesspools that service the Needles Lodge and the Honeymoon Cottage and the proposed installation of a reliable Title 5 Septic System. Also proposed in Phase I is the installation of a stone berm to prevent runoff into Maquan Pond. Mr. Clemons said that the Commission's interest is the buffer zone around Maquan Pond and to keep in mind that it has the highest surface water quality in town. He added that the septic system is a good size system and given that the soils are permeable, "we have to ask why we would or wouldn't want to go into the buffer zone." Mr. Hanscom replied that MA Title 5 regulations require two septic tanks and an infiltration system they will far exceed the cesspool treatment used presently.

Mr. Andruk asked about the North Bathhouse. Mr. Hanscom answered that that is Phase III of the project and hasn't been designed yet. Mr. Clemons asked if the Board of Health was going to have a hearing. Ms. Arlene Dias answered yes and that they were just here to listen. Mr. Gil Amado commented that the BOH hasn't reviewed the plan yet, but he would like to see the system designed outside of the 100' buffer zone. In conclusion, Mr. Clemons asked if another

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part of the property was considered that would provide less load and save on cost. He was glad to see a sense of environmental management of the property because of its extensive shoreline and vegetation and that the Town must be a good steward.

Motion to continue the hearing until February 14, 2017 at 7 PM: Paul Andruk

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Appointment

7:15 PM Appointment with Scott Landis for an informal discussion regarding 1139 Main Street

Mr. Landis approached the Commission to discuss that he was interested in buying and developing the aforementioned property. He said that a previous project was approved in 2009 for construction of two 2-bedroom condominiums and the installation of a septic system. He said that the system had already been installed with the exception of 100 yards of material and that he wants to build two 2-bedroom condo's and one 1-bedroom condo. Bob Crowell, the original engineer, was of the opinion that the septic had been approved for 5 bedrooms. Mr. Landis wanted to know of any pitfalls and/or glean some insight, in terms of Conservation, before purchasing.

Mr. Clemons commented that a lot of the property is within the buffer zone and is located near the headwaters of the Great Cedar Swamp Brook. He suggested that people in Mr. Landis's position will hire a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) to do an environmental assessment. The idea is to have a consultant do a thorough job and an independent review. It would be a financial investment to avoid future problems. Mr. Landis thanked the Commission for their input.

Discussions

Article for Town Meeting - create a Revolving Fund for proceeds from Forest Management

Mr. Clemons reiterated that the Commission had applied for and received two grants from the State for forest management of two conservation properties in Hanson: the Smith Nawalzeliski Conservation Area off of Elm Street and the Poor Meadow Brook Conservation Area off of West Washington Street. The grants are for the preparation of stewardship plans for selective harvesting which promotes the health of the forest and environment. Mr. Clemons commented that if there were any proceeds from a harvest, the money could be used to improve our conservation properties. To that end, a Town Meeting article was prepared to establish a revolving fund.

Motion to approve the Article as written: Paul Andruk

Second: Brenna Audette

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Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 520 W. Washington Street, Map 75, Lot 15-2 (Lot 2) for W. Washington Development, LLC (DEP #SE175-0658)

Ms. Muncy reported that she was unable to verify the mitigation that was required because of the snow cover. It also appeared that someone was living in the house.

Motion to deny the Certificate of Compliance and ask that that the applicant re-file and the fee would be waived: Brenna Audette

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

MACC Annual Environmental Conference, Saturday, March 4, 2017 – let Becky know if you want to attend

Un-authorized tree cutting at Arlene Street – tabled until the next meeting

MACC Draft letter to Gov. Charlie Baker regarding gas pipeline regulations – tabled until the next meeting

Old Business/New Business

Order of Resource Area Delineation for a resource area delineation at 91 King Street, Map 107, Lot 11 for West Light Development (DEP #SE175-0677) – **signed**

Schwaab, Inc./Invoice – **signed**

WB Mason/Invoice – **signed**

Delano & Assoc./Invoice – **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM: Brenna Audette

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 4-0-0