

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JANUARY 9th, 2018
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
Michael DeVeuve, Member

Also Present: Matthew Tanis, Interim Agent
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017: Paul Andruk

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 as corrected: Sharon LePorte

Second: Michael DeVeuve

Vote: 5-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent for a proposal to upgrade a failed septic system at 255 West Washington Street, Map 93, Lot 1 within 200 feet of the Poor Meadow Brook for Concord River Properties, LLC represented by G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., 266 Main Street, Wareham, MA 02571 (DEP #SE175-0689)

Motion to continue hearing until 1/23/2018 at 7PM per request of applicant:

Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 5-0-0

Appointments

7:30 PM Appointment with Mr. Tim Qualter, 528 Spring Street to discuss the proposed "Cushing Trails" subdivision

Mr. Qualter approached the Commission and distributed packets with several pictures and diagrams. He said that others had tried to develop the site twice in the past, but it didn't get approved because of septic requirements. The pictures allegedly taken last spring depicted standing water on the site. Mr. Qualter is concerned with flooding as his neighbors on Spring Street and Glenwood Place have water and sump pumps in their basements. He added that since the Rockland landfill was capped, the amount of standing water has increased. Mr. Tanis commented that perc tests conducted in April and May of 2017 passed on the entire lot. He

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explained that State Title 5 requires a four foot separation from the bottom of the septic absorption system to groundwater. Since they found mottled soils at around 2 feet, the systems would be about 2-3 feet above grade presumably.

Mr. Clemons said that the Commission has jurisdiction over wetlands. If water is close enough to the surface and is saturated six months out of the year, the soils would be designated as hydric. Nothing has been filed with Conservation so he has put in a request for the DEP Field Data Forms that will give the back-up information regarding the characteristics of the soils and vegetation that were used to form the opinion that there are no wetlands onsite. The Commission hasn't received the data yet. Mr. Clemons said that "we'll be listening closely to the discussions regarding storm water management." He asked if any others had comments:

Kevin Cohen, 493 Spring St. – was concerned that the developer had no plans for snow removal and that there weren't enough swales.

Jane Downey, 500 Spring St. – was worried about drainage, flooding, mosquitoes and who will be responsible to maintain the swales.

Mr. Clemons thanked the abutters for coming in for an informal discussion. He said that the Commission shared their interest in how water behaves and gave assurance that the data would be provided.

Public Hearings continued...

7:30 PM Continued Notice of Intent for a proposal to construct a new commercial building with associated site development, drainage, septic system, parking lot & utilities within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at Liberty Street, Map 91, Lot 12-1 for William Dyer & Jerrold Coulstring, Jr., represented by Webby Engineering (**DEP #SE175-0685**)

Mr. Clemons remarked that the developers have a conflict because they're meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals tonight at the Police Station. The last time that they were here, the Commission had requested that the engineer provide a written narrative as to how the project had changed since first being proposed. He suggested that we can't approve until the file is complete.

Motion to continue until 1/23/18 at 7:15 PM pending additional information: Paul Andruk

Second: Bill Woodward

Vote: 5-0-0

Matt Tanis left the meeting as he was called to speak to the Board of Selectmen.

Discussions

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 108 Sleigh Drive, Map 120, Lot 53 for Daniel Geever (DEP#SE175-0676) Ms. Nehiley reported that Mr. Tanis had inspected and the project was in full compliance with the proposed plan.

Motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance: Paul Andruk

Second: Michael DeVeuve **Vote:** 5-0-0

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Continued Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 62 Stringer Lane, Map 83, Lot 21 for Steve & Mary Cronin (LOCAL File #17-01) Ms. Nehiley reported that an as-built was forthcoming but it hadn't been received by the meeting.

Motion to continue until 1/23/18 pending receipt of an as-built: Sharon LePorte
Second: Paul Andruk
Vote: 5-0-0

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 225 Waltham Street, Map 2, Lot 201 for Eric Mills (DEP #SE175-0670) Ms. Nehiley reported that Webby Engineering had submitted a letter and an as-built, but indicated that the site had not been stabilized.

Motion to deny a Request for Certificate of Compliance and have the applicant re-file in the spring at no additional cost after grass was growing: Bill Woodward
Second: Sharon LePorte
Vote: 5-0-0

Release of Funds for 775 Whitman Street for Eric Harrington (remainder of bond leftover for completion of mitigation plan) (DEP #SE175-0616)

Ms. Nehiley reported that a request had been made to release the remainder of the bond money being held for Mr. Harrington. Originally Mr. Harrington had posted a \$10,000 Bond to ensure completion of the mitigation. Of that, \$9,000 was released last year. Mr. Clemons commented that the Harrington's had done a very good job and planted hundreds of plantings.

Motion to approve release of remainder of bond (\$1,000.00) to Eric Harrington:
Paul Andruk
Second: Sharon LePorte
Vote: 5-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Informal Meeting with Caleb Parkinson, Boy Scout, Troop 22 in Whitman

Caleb Parkinson approached the Commission and handed out a brief description of a potential community project that he is considering for his Eagle Scout badge. He explained that he'd like to clean up the cross-country course at the High School by cutting brush and building a wooden bridge over a rock swale which is a low spot in the course. Mr. Parkinson is of the opinion that the bridge would prevent injuries as this low spot presents a hazard to runners. He would also like to cut down a 5" diameter tree and plant 4 new saplings in its place. He is hoping to start mid-spring and perhaps finish in June.

Mr. Clemons commented that this was a great first step, but the Commission needs to know if anything is within jurisdiction. He suggested a site inspection after the snow melts. If it's within a resource area, the Commission will communicate what comes next procedurally. Mr. Clemons said to contact the Facilities Manager, Ernie Sandland and perhaps Bob Rodgers, the Athletic Director as well. A site inspection was tentatively scheduled for next Tuesday, January 16th at 2 PM.

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Mr. Clemons briefly mentioned that Pembroke Conservation Commission was applying for a Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Trails Grant on behalf of Hanover and Hanson in support of the Tri-town Indian Head Greenway Trail off of State Street in Hanson. They are looking for a Letter of Support from the Commission as well as matching funds to contribute towards purchasing trailhead signage and/or putting in a crosswalk. Ms. LePorte commented that people are always looking for places to walk and this would be consistent with our Open Space and Recreation Plan. Ms. Nehiley will place this on the next agenda for further discussion.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM: Paul Andruk

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 5-0-0