

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JUNE 26, 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
Michael DeVeuve, Clerk
Sharon LePorte, Member

Absent: Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman
William Woodward, Member

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

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2018: Michael DeVeuve

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 3-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent for the demolition of existing structures and the construction of a new commercial building with associated septic, parking, landscaping related materials storage area and storm water management at 56 Liberty St., Map 91, Lots 13 & 13-2 for Ed & Danielle Sheehan represented by P.M.P. Associates (**DEP #SE175-0697**)

This hearing was continued from 6/12/18. Present were Patrick Carrara of P.M.P. Associates and Ed & Danielle Sheehan, applicants. The Commission's consultant, Merrill Associates, submitted a Review Letter dated 6/25/18. Mr. Clemons asked Mr. Carrara to speak to the effect the project may have on the wetland's Functions and Values. Mr. Carrara answered that every project may have small effects on wildlife and aesthetics, however, this is already a well developed site. The small wetland has no recreational value and they have tried to minimize the impact into undeveloped areas. He added that a Low-Impact design had been utilized. Mr. Clemons agreed that aesthetically, it's not visible from the street as it's pretty well hidden. Also, it is not a Priority Habitat and extensive erosion control has been proposed. He asked that the comments regarding the Functions and Values be depicted on the Plan.

Ms. LePorte asked if the old construction material will be cleaned up to which Mr. Carrara replied, yes. Mr. Clemons mentioned that Merrill's report suggested a permanent control pad at the overflow grates. Mr. Carrara said they will correct that. Mr. Clemons inquired about the infiltration rates that were brought up in Merrill's report. Mr. Carrara said that they replied to this comment in their report (dated 6/15/18). They revised the Operation and Maintenance Plan to provide an additional barrier at the toe of the slope to prevent sediment from entering onto the basin surface. Also, grass clippings are to be raked and removed after

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each mowing to keep the bottom open and permeable. P.M.P.'s rationale was that to revise the design would cause the basin to further expand and impact the area. Mr. Tanis suggested that the maintenance of the basin be a perpetual condition to the Orders of Conditions. He was of the opinion that the proposal was acceptable.

Mr. Clemons asked Mr. Carrara about the underlying principle of the use of the proposed treated timbers for the outlet control structure of the basin. Mr. Carrara answered that it's a new technology providing a sustainable design approach that is easier to install, will not require an access road and can be easily repaired as needed without heavy machinery. He was of the opinion that new systems, if installed properly, have the same or better service life than the old ones. There were no comments from abutters.

Motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions pending a revised plan:

Sharon LePorte

Second: Michael DeVeuve

Vote: 3-0-0

Discussions

Closing of Factory Pond Dam

Mike McCue, Town Administrator, attended the meeting to inform the Commission that he had been in touch with the Town of Hanover regarding posting No Trespassing signs around Factory Pond because of a safety threat. The signs are to be posted around the pond in cooperation with private landowners. He would like the support of the Commission as two parcels, one at the dam and the other in the extreme northwest portion of the pond are conservation land.

Motion to support the Board of Selectmen to post No Trespassing signage around

Factory Pond: Sharon LePorte

Second: Michael DeVeuve

Vote: 3-0-0

Summer meeting schedule

Motion to have one meeting in July on the 24th: Sharon LePorte

Second: Michael DeVeuve

Vote: 3-0-0

Repair of dike at Smitty's Bog

The discussion regarding the dike was tabled because Paul Andruk's expertise is needed. However, in regards to other matters, Mr. Clemons commented that the commission wants to allow pedestrian access to the rear portion of Smitty's Bog, but not to vehicles. Presently, there is an old gate that has fallen into disrepair. He suggested that PA Landers has moveable concrete blocks made for gates that will be a better control mechanism for vehicular control and will define a right-of-way. A second gate is needed in a different location for seasonal boating access to Indian Head Pond as it tends to be a dumping site.

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Motion to order 2 sets of concrete blocks and authorize staff to purchase 2 gates:

Sharon LePorte

Second: Michael DeVeuve

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The Commission looked at a template for revised "No Motorized Vehicles" signs for Smitty's Bog that referenced the Town's By-Law regarding issuance of fines. Mr. Clemons said he and Matt had worked with the Hanson Police Department and Town Counsel had made sensible suggestions to the language.

Motion to approve the sign format and purchase of new signage: Michael DeVeuve

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 3-0-0

Mr. Tanis reported that he had received test results from the water samples he had taken from Wampatuck and Maquan Ponds. The nitrate levels were less than detectable in both ponds but the phosphate levels were higher, especially in Wampatuck. Mr. Tanis said that the samples were taken in early June from a variety of locations around the ponds. Also, because Hanson recently received grant money from Mass DCR to conduct a study of Wampatuck Pond, an environmental firm that is capable of providing a survey and water quality analysis is being considered for hire, the goal of which is for a cleaner future.

Old Business/New Business

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

Order of Conditions for the construction of a single-family dwelling, driveway and appurtenances at 0 Whitman Street (Lot 1), Map 109, Lot 4 for Thomas Hastings (DEP #SE175-0696) – **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM: Phil Clemons

Second: Michael DeVeuve

Vote: 3-0-0