

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019  
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  
**Absent:** William Woodward, Member  
Michael DeVeuve, Member  
**Also Present:** Michele Grenier, Conservation Agent  
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

**Minutes**

The minutes of January 22, 2019 were postponed until the next meeting.

**Motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2019:** Paul Andruk

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 3-0-0

**Discussions**

**Request for a Certificate of Compliance** for 1460 Main Street, Map 44, Lots 5-1, 5-2, 5-3 & 5-4 (Great Cedar Condo's) for Roger Morton (**DEP #SE175-0597**)

Ms. LePorte recused herself from voting for having a conflict. Consequently, the commission didn't achieve a quorum to make a decision.

**Motion to continue until March 12, 2019:** Paul Andruk

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 3-0-0

**Brook Street parcel, Map 105, Lot 7**

In May of last year, the Commission hired John W. Delano & Associates to survey this town-owned parcel which is under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission. After having done some painstaking research, Mr. Roy Delano reported that it had not been a simple process because of the various takings and lack of documentation dating back to the 1800's. He submitted a Plan dated 2/12/19 with the property marked with the lines he is confident in. Because the Commission's original intent was to mark the property lines, Mr. Clemons suggested that Mr. Delano install them as was originally proposed in order to make progress.

**Motion to have four (4) bounds set as proposed:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 3-0-0

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**Progress Report – Botieri Field Parking/Town Forest Access CPC Project**

Mr. Clemons reported that because the Conservation Commission manages the Town Forest, we had filed a Community Preservation application several years ago jointly with the Parks & Fields Department. The Commission's portion of the project was to include surveying (done) and creating a connection between the corner of the parking lot and the Town Forest. To that end, Newcomb Tree had recently removed several unwanted and hazardous trees that were marked by the Commission. The next phase of the plan is to install signage and create a designated parking area for forest visitors and hikers.

**485 Winter Street/Enforcement Order**

The office staff had recently received a report of un-authorized clearing at the above-mentioned property. The 9-acre parcel appears to lie entirely within the "Little Cedar Swamp" with frontage on Brook Street. A house had been torn down approximately 13 years ago. Because heavy equipment was used to knock trees down, Mr. Clemons called and spoke with the owner's son and made a site inspection to observe the conditions. He was of the opinion that the soils exhibited hydric characteristics including standing water and saturated soils and that the dominant tree, shrub and groundcover were wetland species. He determined that because it was a clear violation, an enforcement order was prepared to cease and desist all onsite activity and meet with the commission to discuss their options. The commission ratified the EO. Ms. Grenier suggested a follow up letter to the owner.

**Old Business/New Business**

Solitude Lake Management/Invoice – **signed**  
WB Mason/Invoice – **signed**  
MACC/Invoice – **signed**

**Agent Report**

Ms. Grenier said that although Hanson's Open Space and Recreation Plan is done and has been partially accepted, the ADA (American Disabilities Act) component was never completed. She reported that she's done ADA reports for other Towns and would be happy to finish it, but in order to facilitate the paperwork, she requests that the Commission purchase Adobe Acrobat software for the computer. It's a one-time license that can be used in the future as well. Ms. Grenier would also like to purchase the Bertram Database for the office which is a streamlined permitting process that was developed by a computer programmer specifically for municipalities. It would be a one-time fee.

**Motion to approve purchase of Adobe Acrobat:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 3-0-0

**Motion to approve purchase of the Bertram computer program:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** Paul Andruk

**Vote:** 3-0-0

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**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM:** Paul Andruk

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 3-0-0