

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF MAY 10th, 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 John Kemmett, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

Present: John Kemmett, Chairman
Frank Schellenger, Vice Chairman
Brenna Audette, Member
Phil Clemons, Member

Absent: Brad Kirlin, Clerk

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

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2016: Phil Clemons

Second: John Kemmett

Vote: 3-0-1 (Frank Schellenger abstaining)

Motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2016: Frank Schellenger

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 3-0-1 (Phil Clemons abstaining)

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Notice of Intent for the construction of a new single family house, septic system, utilities and site grading at 530 W. Washington Street, Map 75, Lot 15-1 for Jim Molloy, West Light Development represented by Land Planning, Inc., 1115 Main Street, Hanson, MA (DEP #SE175-0674) (New Hearing)

Frank Schellenger read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Gary Rice of Land Planning made the presentation for a proposed single family house. There will be no activity in the 50' no disturb zone and 6,500 s.f. of disturbance within the 100' buffer zone (BZ). Erosion control is proposed at the limit of work. Conservation posts will be installed every 50' at the 50' BZ to be shown on the as-built. Mr. Molloy, the builder, was present and affirmed that there will be no activity beyond the haybale line. No abutters were present.

Motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions: Frank Schellenger

Second: John Kemmett

Vote: 4-0-0

7:15 PM Notice of Intent for the construction of a new dwelling and garage with associated septic system, driveway, utilities and site grading within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within the 200 foot Riparian Zone at Off Greenbrier Lane, Map 108, Lot 5-24A for Joseph Memo represented by Webby Engineering, Inc., 180 County Road, Plympton, MA 02367 (DEP #SE175-0673) (New Hearing)

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Mr. Schellenger read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Webby made the presentation for a single family house, septic and 900-foot driveway. The construction of the house itself is out of jurisdiction. He said there is a long history to this site and an earlier Order of Conditions had expired. Mr. Brad Holmes of ECR, LLC worked with Mr. Webby to locate the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) on 3/8/2016. Mr. Holmes reported that his delineation followed the old wetland line (he observed the old flagging) and the BVW is well defined. Mr. Webby said that according to the USGS map, there is an un-named perennial stream offsite to the east. Therefore, the inner 100' and outer 200' Riverfront Areas are also depicted on the Plan (dated 3/31/2016). There are no other resource areas and it is not an Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife according to the 2008 NHESP Map.

Mr. Schellenger asked why only one transect was taken. Mr. Holmes answered that the site is uniformly wooded upland and it's fairly common to do one transect for each series of flags. Mr. Clemons asked what the dominant wetland vegetation was on the wetland side of the BVW. Mr. Holmes answered that among tree species indentified were Red Maple, Hemlock and White Pine and shrubs included Highbush Blueberry and Sweet Pepperbush. The ratio of dominant wetland indicator plants to non-dominant plants was 7-3.

Mr. Kemmett asked about the mitigation plan. Mr. Webby answered that in addition to conservation posts and a deed restriction; he suggested an additional 25' of BZ to the required 50' BZ in the front yard to the house. Mr. Kemmett asked what was being disturbed. Mr. Webby said that they want to access the property at the end of Greenbrier Lane, which is already degraded by the previous construction of the roadway. Vegetation will have to be cleared for the construction of the driveway, about 1,885 s.f. of which is within the inner and outer Riverfront Areas. Mr. Webby answered that all told, there's about 3,801 s.f. of disturbance within the 50' BZ for the construction of the driveway. Mr. Kemmett commented that he was not satisfied with the mitigation plan. Mr. Kemmett added that he would also like to see a detail for two drainage pipes under the low points of the driveway depicted on the plan. He asked for comments from abutters. Those present were:

Amelia McInnis, Greenbrier Lane – She was concerned that the driveway would cause flooding and if certain plants were considered rare or endangered such as Princess Pine or Ladyslipper.

Amelia Anair, Greenbrier Lane – She commented that when Woodbrook Lane was constructed, it caused a lot of flooding and there is standing water at times. Mr. Webby said that the watershed flows northerly away from the stone wall and tips towards the wetland.

Ms. Muncy commented that monitoring this site would be quite difficult, particularly if the property changes hands and the new owners are not aware of the restrictions. She suggested that language be put on the deed and the plan and recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Mr. Kemmett asked Ms. Muncy to check the Zoning By-Law for what percentage of a lot has to be upland to be considered buildable.

Motion to continue the hearing to 5/24/2016 at 7:45 PM pending a site walk, a revised plan with more detail, a Request for Variance, a snow removal plan and payment of additional fees: Phil Clemons

Second: Frank Schellenger

Vote: 4-0-0

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7:30 PM Continued Notice of Intent for a proposal to construct commercial condominiums and drainage improvements within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 1282 Main Street, Map 44, Lots 61 & 62 for Tracy White represented by James Engineering, 125 Big Rock Lane, Hanover, MA 02339 (**DEP #SE175-0666**)

A Review Letter dated 5/9/2016 was received by Mr. Delano requesting revisions to the Plan, including the conduction of test pits in one of the drainage basins and the installation of additional erosion control. As Mr. White did not show for the meeting, Ms. Muncy suggested continuing the hearing for another two weeks to give Mr. White and Mr. James ample time to respond.

Motion to continue to 5/24/2016 at 7:30 PM: Frank Schellenger
Second: Phil Clemons
Vote: 4-0-0

Discussions

Request for an Extension to an Order of Conditions to continue the implementation of the Wetland Restoration Plan of Operations at Smitty's Bog, off of Indian Head Street, Map 53, Lot 2 for the Hanson Conservation Commission (**DEP #SE175-0632**)

Three years ago, working with Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) the Commission had undertaken the design and implementation of the Wetlands Restoration Plan of Operations at Smitty's Bog. The Commission held a public hearing and an Order of Conditions (OOC) was issued to start the work. Presently, the OOC needs to be extended as it's going to expire on 6/11/2016. Since it's a multi-year project, Ms. Muncy suggested a 3-year extension to continue its efforts to complete the requirements of the WRPO.

Motion to extend the Order of Conditions for 3 years to 6/11/2019: Phil Clemons
Second: Frank Schellenger
Vote: 4-0-0

Letter from Boy Scout, Joseph Curran regarding an Eagle Scout project at the Nathaniel Thomas Mill

Mr. Clemons said that it appears that Mr. Curran, currently a Life Scout in Troop 34 of Hanson, wants to improve the grounds of the Mill by making it safer and more attractive. His plan is to replace a wooden handrail with a sturdy, metal one and install a few beams in the hillside to create planting beds that will also prevent erosion. Mr. Clemons said that the letter was a little vague and specific details are essential to the Commission. He suggested writing a letter to encourage Mr. Curran on what would be supported and perhaps what to avoid. He would also suggest using the Commission's Blanket Permit for the work and that Mr. Curran make a presentation at a future meeting.

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Old Business/New Business

Order of Conditions for a proposal to raze an existing dwelling and construct a new 24'x 30' dwelling with associated septic system, utilities and site grading at 225 Waltham St., Map 2, Lot 201 for William Cushing **(DEP #SE175-0670) – signed**

John W. Delano & Associates/Invoice - **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM: Frank Schellenger

Second: Brenna Audette

Vote: 4-0-0