

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JUNE 11th, 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 Philip Clemons, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

Present: Philip Clemons, Chairman
Sharon LePorte, Member
William Woodward, Member
Michael DeVeuve, Clerk
Absent: Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman
Also Present: Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Minutes

The minutes of May 28, 2019 were tabled until the next meeting.

Appointments

7:00 PM Appointment with Edward Johnson of Brookside Realty Trust, LLC and homeowners to discuss a Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 56 & 68 Brookside Drive (DEP#SE175-0650)

Present: Ed Johnson, builder, Joanne McDonough, 68 Brookside Drive, Greg Dieso, 56 Brookside Drive

Mr. Clemons reported that the previous commission had set an Order of Conditions with the understanding that no work would occur beyond the conservation posts. The former agent had approved tree cutting and Mr. Clemons was not convinced that was appropriate. Mr. Woodward said that the homeowners were allowed to cut trees flush. However, the stumps have been removed and the woodchips spread around. Mr. Johnson said that although they had gotten permission to cut the trees at 68 & 72 Brookside, additional trees had come down in a storm last year at 56 Brookside. Mr. Dieso said that in terms of the stumps, the trees had been uprooted during the storm.

Mr. Clemons commented that the Commission would like to see that the original conditions aren't being run over "roughshod" and added that the Orders were conditioned "to protect the buffer zone and the resource area." A site visit was tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 17 at 4:30 PM and the Request for Certificate of Compliance was continued to the 6/25/19 agenda.

7:15 PM Appointment with Emma Mousette, Beach Director for Camp Kiwanee to discuss the beach management plan for 2019

Ms. Mousette reported that they are having the same problem with tree roots at the beach causing a tripping hazard. Matt Dyer (Selectman) had suggested putting soil under the roots to stabilize the area and she asked if that was a suitable plan. Mr. Clemons began by commenting that the beach has been in place since around 1950 -1951 and we need to take care of

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the pond and the other natural resources around it. The beach needs to open on time, but at the same time, the care of the trees should be documented. The current beach management plan does not have a lot of detail, but it is still the core of information. He suggested putting together a Memorandum of Agreement with a to-do list and within 6 mos. to a year, communicate with the Recreation Commission to put together a Blanket Notice of Intent for a Vegetation Beach Management Plan. Also, there has to be a plan to keep the beach sand from eroding into the pond.

Ms. LePorte suggested a barrier of some kind and gravel around the tree roots to prevent the roots from growing any further. Inter-locking blocks would keep the area stable. It would be enough of a barrier to keep sand from washing down. Mr. Clemons suggested a memo based on a site inspection and this discussion, that the Conservation Commission recommends, in its best judgment, the best combinations of soil, sand and gravel and terracing material to make the problem area around the trees safe. If there's any structural element, the color should be yellow.

Motion to issue an Emergency Certification for the sand & safety: Michael DeVeuve

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Order of Conditions for the construction of a 1,182.6 kw Solar Photovoltaic (PV) installation project at County Road, Map 74, Lots 7 & 8 for County Road Partners, LLC (**DEP #SE175-0707**) – **signed**

Mr. Richard Niles, Project Manager for the County Road Solar Array, attended the meeting to review the OOC's with the Commission. To that end, he said that the most challenging part was to convince the applicant to agree with a Conservation Restriction. Because the applicant acknowledged that it is a valuable natural resource, an agreement was made to place a 20-year CR on the remaining unused portion of the site.

Neg. 3 Determination of Applicability to perform excavation for soil testing in various areas throughout the site at 280 Liberty Street, Map 82, Lots 12, 15 & 19 for Ridder Building Corp. – **signed**

Mr. Clemons reported that he and Mike DeVeuve had made a site visit and looked at the western corner of the site which slopes down. Excavation was prohibited in that area. He said that the jury is still out as to what they'll be able to do as they have to understand the soils out there. Mrs. Carol Brzuszek, an abutter, showed pictures and asked where the 100' buffer zone was. Mr. Clemons indicated the area on the plan and said the Commission was open to visit other places around the neighborhood.

Discussion

A discussion regarding volunteerism was tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Nehiley reported that a considerate citizen named Bill Allen had voluntarily cleaned up all the trash at the Smitty's Bog boat ramp area and sent pictures to the office. Ms. Nehiley had sent a thank you note for his efforts.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM: Sharon LePorte

Second: Michael DeVeuve

Vote: 4-0-0