HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JULY 23rd, 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 Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

Present: Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman

Sharon LePorte, Member William Woodward, Member Michael DeVeuve, Clerk

Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Philip Clemons, Chairman

Appointments

7:00 Appointment with Jessica & Andersen Andrade of 395 Holmes Street to discuss jurisdictional activity in their backyard.

Mr. And Mrs. Andrade approached the Commission to request permission to fill in portions of their backyard. Mrs. Andrade explained that their property is within 50' of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and that her backyard is wet and they're unable to use it. They submitted pictures. Ms. LePorte asked if they got water in their basement and commented that they must be careful of filling. Mrs. Andrade said they've contacted a landscaping company that will raise the low areas a little bit and direct it towards the woods. Mr. Woodward suggested a site visit. Ms. Nehiley will post an inspection for this Saturday at 9AM.

Motion to make a site visit: Bill Woodward

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Discussions

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 56 & 58 Brookside Drive (DEP#SE175-0650)

Mr. DeVeuve reported that the Commission had made a site inspection and the trees that had come down in a storm were cleaned up. The conservation posts are up to the back of the house. Woodchips were spread around and vegetation was growing through. Mr. Woodward commented that the homeowners did the best they could. The former agent said they could cut trees. He recommended approval. They will have to come back and file if they want to do anything else.

Motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance: Bill Woodward

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 339 Spring St., Map 109, Lot 10-3 for Gary Cross (DEP #SE175-365)

Mr. Woodward reported that he had inspected and everything was in substantial compliance. He recommended approval.

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Motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance: Michael DeVeuve

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 125 County Road, Map 109, Lot 2 for Edward Johnson (DEP #SE175-0701)

Mr. Woodward reported he had done a site inspection. The site is stabilized and everything is in substantial compliance. He recommends approval.

Motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance: Sharon LePorte

Second: Michael DeVeuve

Vote: 4-0-0

Hanson's MS4 Stormwater Permit - see handout

Ms. Nehiley commented that Phil Clemons had gone to a seminar and written a synopsis for the Commission. He wanted them to be aware that MS4 is a General Permit issued by the State on behalf of Conservation and the other building departments in town. We are partially responsible for upholding the stormwater regulations and protecting our water resources and aquatic habitats from pollution from runoff from paved areas and construction sites.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Recreation Commission and the Highway Dept. **Vegetation Management** at Fallon Point Road by the Highway Department **Vegetation Management** of the Town Hall parking lot site line by the Highway Department

Ms. Nehiley reported that Mr. Clemons wanted to make the Commission aware that he had met with Dave Hanlon from Highway to discuss some routine maintenance that has to be done around town and also, because of safety hazards, removal of seven trees down at Cranberry Cove Beach area. To that end, Mr. Clemons had recommended approval and created a Memorandum of Understanding with conditions regarding the tree removal. As to the other two, both small projects were approved and covered under Conservation's Blanket Order of Conditions for vegetation management.

Board Appointments

Motion to designate Phil Clemons to the Community Preservation Committee as representative of the Conservation Commission: Bill Woodward

Second: Michael DeVeuve

Vote: 4-0-0

Energy Committee

Mr. DeVeuve reported that the Energy Committee had reorganized at their last meeting and they had received a "Green Communities Grant" to help make the town more efficient. Matt Dyer, Chairman, had a list of estimates to put in for some of these goals which include upgraded street lighting, replacement of the boiler at the Indian Head School and installation of weather stripping at the Town Hall and the Food Pantry.

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Old Business/New Business

Mileage Reimbursement/Invoice – **signed**Bertram Consulting/Invoice – **signed**Allen & Major/Invoice - **signed**MSMCP FY20 Membership/Invoice – **signed**

Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 28, 2019: Sharon LePorte

Second: Michael DeVeuve

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 11, 2019: Michael DeVeuve

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM: Sharon LePorte

Second: Bill Woodward

Vote: 4-0-0