

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2021
HANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, 111 LIBERTY STREET HANSON, MA 02341**

Called to Order at 7:00 pm under M.G.L. c131, §40 and the Hanson By-Law 3-13, §5 and Rules and Regulations by Phil Clemons, Chairman, Hanson Middle School Auditorium, Hanson, MA

Present: Phil Clemons, Chairman
David Mansfield, Clerk
Paul Andruk, Member
Thomas Roffey, Jr., Member
Ryan Morrison, Associate Member
Frank Schellenger, Agent
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Sharon LePorte, Vice Chairman

Minutes

February 17, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2021 by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

Public Hearings - (None)

Appointments - (None)

Discussions

Property Management Update

Smitty's Bog; A conference call was conducted with Ms. Helen Castles of the NRCS and USDA Amherst Office regarding funding. She will be sending a streamlined list of things regarding restoration and funding availability.

There is currently an issue regarding wetness at the property of two residences at Katydid Lane.

Agent Schellenger and Chair Clemons were part of a call with Town Administrator, Town Administrator Administrative Assistant, and Insurer. Discussion with Conservation Commission regarding:

1. Spending Conservation money to have survey and marking of property line completed at Smitty's Bog and back line of residences (if permitted)
2. Because of the lack of drainage, to have an Engineering firm record a cross section of topography to include bog outlet at Katydid Lane to the outlet flume. These documents will be key.

We have used Anderson Land Survey in the past. Once a quote is received, we can vote on the actual amount.

Motion to expend less than \$10,000 and to get quote from Anderson Land Survey for property line survey and topography completed by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

Sleeper Property; No update regarding title. It may be possible that CPC may seek with Town Counsel to get the title ourselves to complete the acquisition.

Old Pine Drive Well Development Project; There is a zoom meeting on Friday, March 4, 2021 at 1:00 pm regarding the ENF. This will be for people who have any questions/concerns. We have forwarded comments to Water Department as an effort to be helpful to other meeting attendees, in case they need to know the Commission's stance on any of them:

- The Conservation Commission is well aware of Article 97 issues, and is comfortable with addressing them through the process proposed in the ENF.
- Conservation looks forward to providing input into the Easement Agreement under which the Water Department would utilize the indicated 8.5 acres.
- Conservation stands ready to support action by the Board of Selectmen to designate the new "replacement" parcel of Conservation land.
- Conservation is aware that legislative action will be required to legally "bless" the Article 97 compliance plan, and stands ready to collaborate with our legislators accordingly.
- Conservation is open to guidance as to timing of all these steps by various parties, so as to efficiently achieve full Article 97 compliance.

Park Perimeter Trail; We are close to sending invitations to bid for trail development and site work.

Lite Control/Hubbell; Appraisal is in process and is due this week.

Rocky Run; The signs are up. Chair Clemons to forward photos received for Commission review.

Pine Meadow Nursery; Chair Clemons passed a copy of the map of Pine Meadow Nursery to the Commission. It is Chapter 61 land and may be up for sale in the future.

The Conservation Commission discussed the idea of supporting the preparing of paperwork possibly through CPC that would be ready if decided to purchase. The 40 acres are very close to the Crystal Spring Wellfield. The property is in Zone 2. The Water Department has a surplus fund that could be used if voted on.

Motion to support the idea of Pine Meadow Nursery purchase through CPC funding by: David Mansfield

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 4-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Invoice for Permitting Assistance (Inter-Fluve) for Smitty's Bog Restoration - Reviewed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

Next Meeting:

March 17, 2021 at the Hanson Middle School Auditorium 7:00 pm