

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JULY 7, 2021
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, HANSON TOWN HALL
542 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, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall, Hanson, MA

Present: Phil Clemons, Chairman
Sharon LePorte, Vice Chairman
David Mansfield, Clerk
Thomas Roffey, Jr., Member
Frank Schellenger, Agent
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

Also Present: Patricia Angeli, Andrew Lane
Julie and Glendon Thornton, Andrew Lane
Nicole Haggerty Davis, Andrew Lane
Sandra and James Haggerty, Andrew Lane
Maick Soares, Ferris Street
Patrick Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering
Steve Egan, Egan Development, LLC

Minutes

June 16, 2021

Motion to approve June 16, 2021 Minutes by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to construct an above-ground pool within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands at 9 Ferris Street, Map 8, Lot 3, for Maick Criado Soares. **(New Hearing)**

Mr. Mansfield read the Public Hearing notice and green cards were verified.

Mr. Soares notified the Conservation Commission that he is proposing to install an 18' circle above-ground pool within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands. He will be hiring a contractor to handle the installation.

Agent Schellenger visited the site and the location of where the pool will be installed is a lawn area with the wetlands less than 50' away. It would require approval of a variance by the Commission.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions/comments.

Motion to issue variance for work within 50' buffer zone by: David Mansfield

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion to close hearing and approve a Negative 3 Determination subject to Special Conditions by: David Mansfield

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

7:15 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to construct an in-ground pool within 100' of isolated vegetated wetlands and proposed moving of a shed within 50' of isolated vegetated wetlands at 75 Andrew Lane, Map 80, Lot 151, for Patricia Angeli. **(New Hearing)**

Mr. Mansfield read the Public Hearing Notice and green cards were verified.

Ms. Julie Thornton discussed the proposed plan with the Commission. She stated the in-ground pool would have a cartridge filter so there would not be backwash. The shed would be moved to the right hand side where there was previously an approved above-ground pool. The shed has already been signed off by the Building Inspector.

Agent Schellenger visited the site and stated that the objective is to move the shed and to install a pool. The pool would be in a mostly lawn area and he would recommend the Commission approve a variance and Negative 3 Determination.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions/comments.

James Haggerty, Andrew Lane - Mr. Haggerty stated that the residents of 75 Andrew Lane have done a wonderful job on the property and is sure the pool will be a great addition to the neighborhood. They have no objection whatsoever.

Motion to issue variance for work within 50' buffer zone by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion to close hearing and approve a Negative 3 Determination subject to Special Conditions by: Sharon LePorte

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

7:30 PM Continued Notice of Intent for a proposed residential septic system upgrade to Title V standards for and existing home within 100 ft of bordering vegetated wetlands at 202 Forest Trail, Map 101, Lot 5D-20, for Stacey Berardinelli, represented by Collins Civil Engineering Group, Inc., 225 South Main Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379. (DEP# SE175-0736)

Peter Lyons presented current green card receipts for the project and presented proposed plans to the Commission. The project would be to upgrade the residential septic system for a 4-bedroom failed system within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands. The existing tank and leaching field is in rear of the property, they will decommission pump and fill with clean sand. The leaching field is stable and intact.

The proposal is to reroute plumbing to a new 1500 septic tank and 1000 pump chamber and pump to an elevated leaching field in the front. Erosion control will be straw wattle. There will be catch basins out front and they are proposing silt socks.

Mr. Lyons stated that a test pit was performed right next to the tank. While digging tanks, they'll be pumping to a dewatering pit. Most of the project is in an existing lawn area. No trees will be taken down, but the system does need to be raised.

Access to the project will be right in the area of the project itself, probably go in, install tanks, then decommission, then fill; he does not anticipate any access issues. It will be surrounded by erosion control.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions/comments.

Agent Schellenger stated that he visited the site when the perc tests were being completed. As long as there is straight access, everything should be straightforward.

Motion to issue for variance for work with 50' buffer zone by: Sharon LePorte

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: Vote 4-0-0

Motion to close hearing and approve an Order of Conditions subject to Standard Conditions by: Sharon LePorte

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

7:45 PM Continued Notice of Intent to demolish existing house and commercial building and construct two 3-story mixed residential/commercial buildings; building one with 3 commercial units, 14 one-bedroom, 12 two-bedroom units, building two with 3 commercial units, 10 one-bedroom, 3 one+ bedroom, 10 two-bedroom units with associated site improvements and signage at 965&999 Main Street, Map 42, Lot 9&10 for Stephen Egan, Egan Development LLC, represented by Crowell Engineering. (DEP# SE175-0731)

Mr. Egan was present to discuss the proposed project Mr. Crowell was out of town. Mr. Egan has concerns regarding the designs. He stated Agent Schellenger suggested that they use NOAA 14. He thought it was a policy change and then Mr. Crowell notified him that another project is not using NOAA 14, they are staying with a 7" rainfall drainage design plan design which is the approved state regulation. Mr. Egan stated that it is a \$50,000 change and in his view it is overbuilding and they are being held at a different standard. He has been doing this for a long time and has never had any drainage system problems.

Agent Schellenger stated it was just a suggestion that he made in March, it must have been a miscommunication. You can revert to the 7" drainage design and submit, but make sure that Mr. Crowell addresses the comments from Peter Palmieri of Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors. Agent Schellenger said some of the revisions have to remain, you cannot go back to the original design. Rainfall is going to increase in the Northeast that is why he made the suggestion, you may run into future problems; it is very important that they work together since ZBA has already approved the project.

Motion to continue hearing to July 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM by: Sharon LePorte

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

8:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent to construct a residential subdivision roadway partially within the 100' setback to a bordering vegetated wetland at 0 County Road, Map 74, Lot 7&8, for Ellis Building & Development Corp., represented by County Road Partners, LLC, 20 Stearns Road, Scituate, MA 02066. (DEP# SE175-0730)

*Member Thomas Roffey, Jr. recused himself from the hearing.

Request by Applicant to continue hearing.

The Conservation Commission received a letter which included one photo from abutter Joseph O'Sullivan with concerns of the proposed project with request to enter into public record.

Also received was a signed petition which stated:

We the undersigned residents of Hanson are concerned for the protection and safety of our property and are endorsing the suggestions recommended in the attached letter. In considering the proposed project, Meadowbrook Subdivision, we urge the Conservation Commission to require the highest level of protection and most recent technology available

from the applicant to ensure maximum protection to the property of the abutters, the residents of Hanson and the environment.

Signed by 48 residents.

Motion to enter correspondence into public record by: David Mansfield

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 3-0-1

Motion to continue hearing to July 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM by: Sharon LePorte

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 3-0-1

Appointments –(None)

Discussions

Reorganization

Phil Clemons; Chairman, Sharon LePorte; Vice Chairman, David Mansfield; Clerk, Thomas Roffey, Jr.; Member

Motion to Reorganize by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 4-0-0

Mass DEP NRD Grant Opportunity Update

Chair Clemons stated that there were hopes of submitting an application for a parcel of land, but after research with MA DEP and NSRWA, the grant right now is for planning not acquisition. The NSRWA is planning to recruit a point person to identify what should be spent on the work, some of the work would be in Hanson. The Conservation Commission would like to submit a letter of support along with the Town Administrator for their application for a portion of the grant funds.

Motion to send NSRWA letter of support along with Town Administrator for their application for a portion of the grant funds by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

USDA Draft Update

No update as of this meeting.

Eagle Scout Project Update(s)

Mr. Mansfield walked the Poor Meadow Brook Trail and presented a printout to the Commission showing what was cleared. The signage is being developed and plans of another work week to complete the project which includes marking the trail. The Commission to approve signage.

Property Management Update

Town Forest; Mr. Mansfield cleared tall grass and weeds on 06.21.21. Areas of trail will benefit from bog bridges due to wet conditions. A short bridge over the seasonal stream leading to the upland trail is needed.

Smith-Nawazelski; Mr. Mansfield and Mr. MacDonald cleared brush and trash from the roadside and the parking lot to the kiosk.

On 06.26.21, Mr. Mansfield joined AMC/BCT Trail maintenance crew and volunteers for Poor Meadow Brook boardwalk repair and they returned on 06.29.21 and 06.30.21 to continue repairs to the boardwalk into East Bridgewater. Mr. Mansfield plans to reach out to their crew chief to discuss trail repairs.

Smitty's Bog; Weeds and brush were cleared around the kiosk on 06.21.21. Abandoned auto parts that were on the road were removed.

Webster-Billings; Mr. Mansfield would like to mark the trails with Commission's approval.

Indian Crossway; Mr. Mansfield spoke with AMC reps regarding the status and any plans they have to address flooding issues, as it is part of the BCT. They are aware of the issues and the State would also need to be involved. Mr. Mansfield will follow up.

Poor Meadow Brook; Highway Department dropped gravel in the parking lot which has been spread and leveled as part of Eagle Scout Project.

Tree Warden has spoken to a tree service for town tree work. They have a machine that could be used to pull the large leaners out of the trail area. He restated that he did not believe that these represent a danger to the public, but he did agree that they are unsightly. He plans to get a quote from the tree company and forward to the Conservation Commission for review. The scout project trail appears to have an added short loop. They have not extended the longer loop.

Rocky Run; Trash was removed from the area.

Nathaniel Thomas Mill

The Highway Department is willing to take the necessary steps to remove/dispose of the old wheel upon Conservation Commission vote.

Motion to approve the Highway Department to take the necessary steps to remove/dispose of the old Nathaniel Thomas wheel by: Sharon LePorte
Second: David Mansfield
Vote: 4-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 9 Ferris Street, Determination of Applicability - **Signed**

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 75 Andrew Lane, Determination of Applicability - **Signed**

Invoice for Mileage Reimbursement (Agent) - **Signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM by: Sharon LePorte

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0