

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 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: Rebecca Baptista, Silva Engineering Associates PC
Scott and Laurie Harrington, East Washington Street
Paul Nicol, Winter Street

Minutes

September 22, 2021

Motion to approve September 22, 2021 Minutes by: Sharon LePorte

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 3-0-1

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Notice of Intent to upgrade the septic system to Title V Standards for existing residential home within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands and riverfront area at 871 East Washington Street, Map 113, Lot 18, for Pendleton Family Revocable Trust, represented by Silva Engineering Associates PC, 1612 Bedford Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324. (DEP# SE175-0730) (New Hearing)

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

Ms. Baptista, Silva Engineering Associates PC, presented plans to the Commission. She stated that a Perc Test was completed in August, and, in July, Ken Thompson flagged wetlands. The activity will be outside of the 100' buffer and there will be a gravity tank pump. They have obtained Board of Health approval.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions/comments.

Scott Harrington, East Washington Street – Mr. Harrington stated that he has not had the opportunity to see the plans, he has some concerns that perhaps Silva can discuss. If the existing system is removed and replaced, the elevation of the leaching field will be raised about a foot and ½. There is a drainage issue where the leaching field is going to go. We have no drainage system to take that water away, and we are concerned water will collect even further at end of driveway. The street drains into property and we are concerned this will be adding a greater flow of water.

Agent Schellenger stated that he has seen the property; may be an issue with street itself, but does not see an issue with the lot.

Chair Clemons added that there is definitely a pitch west to east towards brook.

Ms. Baptista stated that there will be lawn cover, it would not increase flow, and with the proposed swale, the water will go toward the street. There will also be an impervious barrier. Effluent will hit the barrier before it would hit the adjacent property.

Mr. Harrington notified the Commission that the road is higher than the driveway.

Agent Schellenger notified Mr. Harrington to contact the Highway Department, they would be able to put a hump at the end of the driveway.

Chair Clemons mentioned that a special condition can be added regarding the drainage concern.

Motion to close hearing and approve Order of Conditions for project as presented subject to standard conditions and additional special conditions to prevent runoff to the adjacent property by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

7:15 PM Request for Determination of Applicability for removal of three trees located on property and within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands and river located at 923 Winter Street, Map 114, Lot 10, for Paul Nicol. **(New Hearing)**

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

Mr. Nicol presented plans to the Commission. He has 3 trees that need to be removed; a sugar maple to the right of the house, a second sugar maple behind the house, and an ash tree in the back of the house. National Grid has agreed to take down the sugar maple in front because of the threat to house and wires. Walnut Tree Company will be handling the project.

Agent Schellenger has visited the site and is recommending a Negative 3 Determination. There is no impact on the river.

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

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

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

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-0

Appointments

7:30 PM Appointment with the Recreation Commission to discuss Cranberry Cove Maintenance Plan
Audrey Flanagan, Recreation Commission Member, requested to reschedule their appointment for our October 20, 2021 meeting at 7:30 PM. Due to the Town Meeting, the Commission did not have time to prepare material.

Agent Schellenger was notified that the Recreation Commission talked to Jamison Shave, Highway Department, and that they were planning on reaching out to Amory Engineering.

Agent Schellenger spoke to John Chessia of Chessia Consulting and he expects that Mr. Chessia will visit the site next week.

Discussions

Upcoming Meeting Dates

November 3, 17, 2021, December 1, and 15, 2021

Eagle Scout Project Update(s)

The Commission will be reviewing what has been drafted.

Property Management Update

Trash removal completed in areas that were needed.

Town Forest; Chair Clemons was notified by Jamison Shave, Highway Director that there will be a small surplus from the crosswalk project to do further improvements in that area.

Smitty's Bog; There is an artificial ditch that was not part of the original landscape. USDA approval filling in that ditch. Chair Clemons hosted a site visit with the Highway Department to explain what is needed to be completed, and they are happy to do it. There were signs created and prepared with Commission DEP#, two will be edited to have Smitty's Bog file numbers for current/future projects.

Rocky Run; Kiosk to be installed with DCR Grant to Wildlands Trust.

County Road Site Inspection by MA DEP

MA DEP has confirmed that a site visit will be completed on Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

Anyone planning to attend must fill out requirements from MA DEP (due October 19, 2021). The office will contact Hanson Police Department to see if there should be any concerns and if police detail will be needed.

Nathaniel Thomas Mill Survey Update

Mr. Anderson, Anderson Surveys, prepared quote to install property bounds in the amount of \$2,900.00. There are funds available to have bounds completed under CPC Article.

Motion to approve amount of \$2,900.00 for Anderson Surveys to complete Nathaniel Thomas Mill Property Bounds under CPC Article funds by: Sharon LePorte

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0

Town Meeting Articles

At the Special Town Meeting, 10.04.21, the Town voted to proceed with the purchase of 485 Winter Street, Map 98 Lot 2, at the price of \$65,000.00. Since then, the seller has been contacted and we now await the Attorney General's Certification of the Article. Chair Clemons has talked to the Town Administrator, Lisa Green regarding a Purchase and Sales Agreement.

Sleeper Property

Mike Sleeper has hired an additional attorney to draw up the deeds for Lots 6 ½ and 6 ¼. They will file an amendment to the erroneous schedule in the probate adding said lots and they will thus be positioned to be signed over into the trust to complete the P&S.

Old Business/New Business

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 871 East Washington Street, Notice of Intent - Signed

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 923 Winter Street, Determination of Applicability - Signed

Invoice for Mileage Reimbursement (Agent) - Signed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM by: Sharon LePorte

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0