

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2022
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. This meeting of the Hanson Conservation Commission is audio-recorded.

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

Also Present: Terence McGovern, Zenith Land Surveyors, LLC
Paul McManus, Ecotec, Inc.
Jerry Davis, Hanson Water Department
Carol Svizzero, Hanson Water Department
Chris Hoffman, Woodman Terrace

Minutes

July 20, 2022

Motion to approve July 20, 2022 Minutes by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Notice of Intent to construct and test a replacement public water supply well and associated site work within the 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands and within the outer riparian zone to a perennial stream at 1630 Main Street, Map 45, Lot 12A, for Hanson Water Department, c/o Jerry Davis, represented by EcoTech, Inc., 102 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605. (DEP# SE175-0747) (New Hearing)

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

Paul McManus, Ecotec, Inc., presented plans to the Commission. The Water department is proposing to drill and test production at existing facility to the left and rear of existing well. There will be erosion control barriers to contain any drill cutting and very little vegetation removal, it will be cut at ground level. In addition, once the well is installed, they will test product capacity. There will be a discharge of water to wetland, it will flow down into stream. There is not an alternate that would work outside of riverfront area. It is about 800 square feet area of work.

Chair Clemons stated that the Commission understands the existing well has been in service for a number of years and the function and design are less than what the town would like to have. This will be a new, highly productive well. How much trenching will be needed?

Jerry Davis, Hanson Water, stated they would be connecting to existing piping via a short trench.

Agent Schellenger asked if the engineer has detail on the connection. He did not see anything in the paperwork submitted. He would like to see details sent into the office for the files. When the well is drilled, when spoil comes out, where will it go?

Mr. McManus said it would drop there, they will have erosion control. Small will be left, large will be removed and placed offsite.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

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

Second: Ed Heal

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to close hearing and approve project subject to special conditions as described by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 5-0-0

7:15 PM Continued Notice of Intent for the construction of a new single family dwelling, razing of existing dwelling, including associated grading, utilities, tree removal, landscaping, septic system, and decommission of existing septic system components within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands at 64 Woodman Terrace, Map 70, Lot 56, for Robin Strauss represented by Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC, 3 Main Street, Lakeville, MA 02347. **(DEP# SE175-0744)**

Terrence McGovern, Zenith Land Surveyors, Inc., presented updated plans to Commission. He met with Agent Schellenger and discussed enhancing erosion control behind house and a small retaining wall with plantings behind it since there will be disturbance. More plantings will be added to compensate the number of pine trees coming down. The updated plan also shows silt sock detail and silt fence, septic proposal remains same, but they added a reserve area. The house is further back out of the 50' buffer zone.

Agent Schellenger requested 2 copies of updated plan presented tonight be sent to office for the files.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

Motion to issue a variance for work within 50' buffer zone by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Ed Heal

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Discussions

Upcoming Meeting Dates: September 7th and 21st.

Capital Improvement Committee Plan of Capital Needs and Requests – Due August 12, 2022

Factory Pond Dam was included with previous request due April 2022. The next inspection of dam is 2026.

Motion to issue new memo to Capital Improvement Committee to include Factory Pond Dam by: Sharon LePorte

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve memo requesting Nathaniel Thomas Mill Committee update the Capital Improvement Committee regarding Capital Improvement Plan(s) for Fiscal Year 2023 by: Sharon LePorte

Second: Ed Heal

Vote: 5-0-0

Town Meeting Article(s): Due Date August 23, 2022

Agent Schellenger drafted 3 articles for Commission review. Commission to vote on Articles at August 17th meeting.

Property Management Update; Trash removal completed where needed.

Smitty's Bog; Project related to WCS completed.

Indian Crossway; Stream crossing dry, causeway remains partially flooded.

Bay Circuit Trail; Dig Safe has cleared Pierce Avenue.

Open Space Acquisition

-Sleeper Conservation Area

Chair Clemons and Member David Mansfield visited site to document base line and to meet Wildlands Trust. They found boundary markers, took photos, and Wildlands Trust will prepare report to be submitted electronically to state after review.

Agent Schellenger stated that the property was taken and now owned by the Town, not Conservation Commission.

Motion to approve official name of area as Sleeper Conservation Area by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Ed Heal

Vote: 5-0-0

Fireworks Clean-Up

There is a monthly fireworks clean-up meeting, most recent one was July 27, 2022. Reports are routine updates, not specifically affecting Hanson. Of particular interest to Hanson was discussion of the sediment testing downstream from the Factory Pond Dam. The Trust is quickly being depleted; with an uncommitted balance of about \$14.3 million. Agent Schellenger discussed concern regarding what is decided for downstream contamination, as a number of Hanson properties front the Indian Head River. He is recommending the Selectboard authorize the Town Administrator and/or Town Counsel to discuss the issue with Hanover Town Counsel and any other counsel as needed, to get up to speed. Hanson should be aware and ready to participate.

Motion to endorse Agent Schellenger to finalize and submit notice to forward to Selectboard regarding Fireworks Clean-Up by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 5-0-0

Town Planner Town Owned Properties Report

Discussion by Commission regarding report prepared by Town Planner.

Motion to endorse Agent Schellenger to prepare evaluation and conclusion to Town Planner by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Webster-Billings

Most recent update regarding transfer approval: 07/28/2022 Senate has Laid before the Governor.

Old Business/New Business

Invoice(s) for Office Supplies (WB Mason) Toner, SD card– Signed

Invoice for Sign (Webster Printing) Sleeper Conservation Area – Signed

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0