

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 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:** Laura Salonga, East Washington Street

**Minutes**

August 17, 2022

**Motion to approve August 17, 2022 Minutes by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Public Hearings**

**7:00 PM Request for Determination of Applicability** to construct required service line to install town water on the long driveway which crosses a bordering vegetated wetland which lies along a small, east-flowing perennial stream that is tributary to Indian Head Brook at 824 East Washington Street, Map 113, Lot 6A, Key 2 for Laura Salonga.

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

Agent Schellenger stated that the property has a house built with a wetland from East Washington Street back into property. The driveway crosses wetland and there is a culvert about 120' from road. The proposed water line will run up driveway, the driveway is not paved. It will be trenched up and routed under culvert to get deep enough for frost purposes, and run up all the way to house. Wetlands run right up to the driveway, both sides, most of the driveway, a variance would be needed for work within 50' buffer zone.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

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

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination and approve project presented and to close hearing by:**

Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0

### Discussions

**Request for Minor Modification** to the Order of Conditions for Stephen Bryant, Eversource, Map 106, Lot 11 at Whitman and Winter Street, SWCA Project: 67457 (DEP# SE175-0684) – **requires vote**

Eversource has requested to waive the installation of the proposed 1,000-gallon roof dry well system (drainage) to the existing plans for the gas regulator station project. The dry well system will serve no purpose in location with the surrounding site conditions. The final surface of the entire driveway and area directly surrounding the regulator station will consist of 1-2" gravel stone at a depth of approximately 8" laid over filter fabric, allowing for stormwater from the roof to be managed naturally through a semi pervious surface resulting in no overland flow from the roof runoff. It will also reduce the permanent fill/impacts to the 100' buffer zone to associated bordering vegetated wetland.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions/comments.

**Motion to approve request for a Minor Modification to the Order of Conditions by:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Conservation Commission review** of Town Owned Properties report by Town Planner in accordance with Article 35 of the 1963 Annual Town Meeting – **requires vote**

**Motion to approve property review comments by Conservation Agent to submit to Town Planner by:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 5-0-0

### **Town Meeting Article(s)**

Revisions due to Selectboard by September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to reaffirm support of all articles as well as motion to approve the expanded explanation to Article 3 regarding Conservation Agent:** Thomas Roffey, Jr.

**Second:** Ed Heal

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Property Management Update;** Trash removal completed where needed.

**-Bay Circuit Trail;** Parking lot has been laid out. Pulling of trees tomorrow, we are keeping the oak trees. Mr. Mansfield will be doing a site visit.

**-Smitty's Bog;** Quote received from DeSac Disposal regarding trash removal. Minimum price is \$125.00, and cost is \$125.00 per cubic yard.

**Motion to invite Highway Department to transport trash to be removed at Smitty's Bog to Desac Disposal and expend amount from Conservation Fund for removal by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0

### **Open Space Acquisition**

**-Sleepers Conservation Area;** The Commission has received documentation of concerns by the Lincolns. Commission to compose list as well to Town Counsel for feedback after town meeting.

### **Pond Management**

We have received report and invoice from Biodiversity. Summary memo along with report and invoice to be forwarded to Selectboard.

### **Cranberry Cove**

Concerns regarding Cranberry Cove. There was a proposal forwarded to Recreation Commission in March 2022 from Chessia Consulting LLC to prepare a plan for managing stormwater at Cranberry Cove and the adjacent driveway of Camp Kiwanee. Conservation Commission to repeat recommendation to Selectboard summarizing recommended actions. The deterioration will continue, to the detriment of public recreational interests and our natural resources, until the stormwater runoff problems are resolved. Since these resources are subject to Wetland Protection Act regulations, hence the Commission concern.

**Motion to prepare letter to Selectboard summarizing recommended actions for Cranberry Cove pointing out that Stormwater runoff has repeatedly caused damage to the parking lot, flooding of the bathhouse, and erosion of the beach sand, including that damage has negatively impacted Maquan Pond and the brook that outlets from the pond. Letter to be submitted to Selectboard to address and to determine what actions should be taken by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.**

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 5-0-0

### **Old Business/New Business**

**Invoice for Public Hearing Notice** (Hanson Express) for **824 East Washington Street**, Map 113, Lot 6A, Key 2-Request Determination of Applicability – **signed**

**Invoice for Office Supplies** (WB Mason) – **signed**

**Invoice for Professional Services Survey/CDs** (H&A Architects) for **Thomas Mill ADA Ramp** – **signed**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:51 PM by:** Sharon LePorte

**Second:** David Mansfield

**Vote:** 5-0-0