

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 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
David Mansfield, Clerk
Edwin Heal, Member
Frank Schellenger, Agent
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Thomas Roffey, Jr., Vice Chairman
Sharon LePorte, Member

Also Present: Kevin Johnson, Spring Street
Franklin Centeio, West Washington Street
Arthur Borgeson, West Washington Street

Minutes

October 19, 2022

Motion to approve October 19, 2022 Minutes by: David Mansfield

Second: Edwin Heal

Vote: 3-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM After-the-Fact Request for Determination of Applicability for installation of an above ground pool located within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands located at 510 West Washington Street, Map 84/0/15/3, for Franklin Centeio, represented by Ambassador Pool Distributors, Inc., 1020 Turnpike Street, #11, Canton, MA 02021. **(New Hearing)**

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

Agent Schellenger stated that the building inspector brought to the attention of Conservation that there was a pool installed. He visited the site since there is a wetland bordering Brett's Brook. When he was at the site, he observed pool to be within the 50' buffer zone to the wetland. The backyard is cleared and not well vegetated, there is bare ground.

A neighbor contacted the office to notify Conservation that many trees were cut down. Agent Schellenger presented aerial before/after photos for Commission to review. There were pine trees to the right rear side where the pool was installed. The site itself should be re-vegetated, not just with grass, some form of tree growth.

Mr. Centeio apologized to the Conservation Commission for the inconvenience. He recently moved from Boston and purchased the house. He received a quote after his two boys wanted a pool and paid additional amounts for permits. He did not find out until after the fact as well. Mr. Centeio had trees removed that were dead, leaning, and hollow.

Chair Clemons suggested mitigation, such as native shrubs or high bush blueberries, to reclaim some of the vegetation, grass seed enhanced with white clover seeds or conservation mix, and at least one bird or nest house installed in wetland to bring back some of the habitat that was removed when trees were removed. The Commission encourages residents to call the Conservation office when trees are to be taken down.

Arthur Borgeson, West Washington Street – I am an abutter and the area is so dense and there are wetlands everywhere, along with fisher cat, deer, and other forms of wildlife. There are seedlings everywhere, such as maple trees.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

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

Second: Edwin Heal

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion to retro-actively approve and issue a Negative 3 Determination with special conditions provided to impact mitigation as discussed by: David Mansfield

Second: Edwin Heal

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion to close hearing by: David Mansfield

Second: Edwin Heal

Vote: 3-0-0

Discussions

Conservation Commission review of Guide to Locating a Business in Hanson, MA by Town Planner – requires vote

Motion to approve property review comments by Conservation Agent to submit to Town Planner including recommendation to add departmental contact list by: David Mansfield

Second: Edwin Heal

Vote: 3-0-0

Property Management Update; Trash removed at areas needed.

Bonney Hill Trail; Discussion on material estimates by Mr. Mansfield for granite steps from Bonney Hill Lane to trail head, box bridge(s), informational signs, trail barrier. The estimates do not include clearing of the three meadows.

Motion to authorize David Mansfield and/or Trail Construction Members to commence and proceed with arrangements for purchasing and handling projects discussed for Bonney Hill Trail by: Edwin Heal

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 3-0-0

Smitty's Bog; Draft invoice/correspondence to be sent to USDA to include what is intended to submit once all invoices are received.

Poor Meadow Brook; CR monitoring was completed by Wildlands Trust at Poor Meadow Brook.

Open Space Acquisition; Upcoming meeting in early November with Hubbell regarding Hawks Avenue.

Old Business/New Business

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 510 W Washington Street, Map 84/0/15/3, Request for Determination of Applicability – signed

Invoice for Annual Membership (The American Chestnut Foundation) for Seed Level – signed

Motion to adjourn at 8:48 PM by: David Mansfield

Second: Edwin Heal

Vote: 3-0-0