

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF DECEMBER 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: Chris Hoffman, Woodman Terrace
Will Connolly, Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC, Lakeville, MA
Jeffrey Landreville, BLR Built, LLC, Whitman, MA
Ed Jacobs, PMP Associates, East Bridgewater, MA
Jacob White, PMP Associates, East Bridgewater, MA
Becky Malamut, NSRWA/Indian Head River Steering Committee
Kevin and Stephanie Johnson, Spring Street
Stephanie Davis, Spring Street
John Ronan, Spring Street

Minutes

November 16, 2022

Motion to approve November 16, 2022 Minutes by: David Mansfield
Second: Sharon LePorte
Vote: 5-0-0

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Notice of Intent to perform perc tests and to upgrade the septic system to Title V Standards within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands and bank top to an intermittent stream, which is also a tributary to a surface water supply, at 16 Upton Street, Map 2, Lot 338, for New Neighbor Realty, represented by Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC, 3 Main Street, Lakeville, MA 02347. (DEP# SE175-0748) (New Hearing)

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

Will Connolly, Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC, presented plans to the Commission. The property owner is also requesting a variance to work within the 50' buffer zone. The septic system as proposed is as far away from the resource areas as possible and the addition of the advance treatment unit in the septic tank will decrease the strength of waste discharged from the onsite septic system into the underlying soils. There is no as-built on file, and he has not been at site, so he is not sure where existing system is.

Agent Schellenger visited the site with Terence McGovern of Zenith Consulting LLC. The Applicant is requesting to perform perc tests first, then septic. Perc tests have not been completed and the design of the system depends on the tests. The stream on property is tributary to Monponsett and also a drinking water source. There is a request for a variance for work proposed within 50' buffer zone, details needed on mitigation from Applicant.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

Motion to issue variance for work within 50' buffer zone limited to perc tests only by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-1-0

Motion to authorize perc tests within 50' buffer zone including erosion control proposed by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to continue hearing to December 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 5-0-0

7:45 PM Notice of Intent to construct a single family home, driveway, water service, overhead telephone, electric, and cable services. The applicant is also requesting removal of 1,626 square feet of existing bordering vegetated wetlands and proposing 3,275 square feet wetland replication to compensate at 0 Whitman Street, Map 109, Plot 7B, for Jeffry Landreville, BLR Built, LLC, represented by PMP Associates, 200 North Bedford Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333. (DEP# SE175-) (New Hearing)

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

Josh White, PMP Associates, presented plans to the Commission. Wetland delineation was completed by Pinebrook Consulting.

Mr. Landreville stated that he acquired the property in 1998. The culvert was closed. He ended up having the Highway Department clean it out. It allowed the water to flow right through. He met with the abutters regarding concerns of moving the wetlands.

Ed Jacobs, PMP Associates, stated that at the east side of property, there is an existing stone wall that will remain, it is a natural barrier from wetlands.

Chair Clemons asked where the water goes, it is not shown on plan. Wetlands are performing functions. Impacting them by moving/filling them, that is what the Wetlands Protection Act is for.

Mr. Landreville stated it goes into existing wetlands, there is an area with stagnant water, the new design will let it flow.

John Ronan, Spring Street – Jeff mentioned that he cleaned out the drainage. There is still a management problem with the water. We have water issues at 339, when we hear the proposal and having water pushed closer to the property we own, we are concerned. We are concerned that we are going to be taking on excess water. How will we know it is going to be absorbed? He is very concerned about the water flow. Will this water be forced into the Johnson's yard?

Mr. White, PMP Associates stated that 339 is higher because there is a raised septic system.

Kevin Johnson, Spring Street – He disagrees. There is currently standing water there as of tonight. They already have standing water, more will be diverted to his property. The other concern is that the area of the buffer zone will change on his property. He would like to protect his investment and be able to build on his own property.

Chair Clemons stated this is one of the reasons Commission was interested what was on the other side of the road. It will change the boundaries where we have jurisdiction.

Stephanie Davis, Spring Street – They plan on re-grading property to bring water table up, they won't be able to do this if this project goes forward. She feels that is unfair to take away part of our property. The Applicant is building a house to sell, so who will maintain this problem. When you move this, we now have more water closer to our home.

Chair Clemons stated that the people who are at that property would be responsible. There are a lot of things to look at, he checked with Agent to see if it calls for a site visit. He would like to see minimal impact on site.

Agent Schellenger said it would be good for the Commission to see the site. It might be a good idea to have it re-delineated. This site is probably buildable. It may not be buildable the way it's designed

Chair Clemons stated that re-delineation could be useful in order to properly inform, sometimes investigation beyond property boundary is important. Delineations are valid for 3 years.

John Ronan, Spring Street – With this replication zone, how do we know this area will be able to handle water? His concern is condensing wetlands.

Chair Clemons stated that a suggestion was made to re-do the delineation and to also schedule a site visit, and continue the hearing. There may be wetland limitations. Site visit: **December 19, 2022 10:00 AM.**

Motion to continue hearing to: December 21, 2022 at 7:15 PM by: David Mansfield

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 5-0-0

Appointments

7:15 PM Appointment with NSRWA/Indian Head River Steering Committee for dam removal overview presentation with Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee.

Becky Malamut, Indian Head River Restoration Coordinator, provided information regarding the Indian Head River Restoration. She stated that they would like to start with the relevant Town boards and Committees to provide an overview of their work. It included discussion regarding:

- Dams: The Basics
- Over 3,000 Dams in Massachusetts
- Impacts on Dams on Rivers
- Fish Population in Trouble
- 22 South Shore Dam Removals Restoring 16 Miles of Rivers
- South Shore Dam Removal Examples; Benefits of River Restoration Projects
- Dam Removal Process
- Feasibility Study

Discussions

The American Chestnut Foundation Germplasm Agreement; to be signed at next meeting

Wildlands Trust Stewardship Endowment Fee Hanson Conservation Restriction #5

Discussion on stewardship endowment. There is no due date shown. We have obligation to notify Select Board where funding should come from. Spring Town Meeting is a possibility. Chair Clemons will inquire at next CPC Meeting to see if this could be funded through CPA funds.

Upcoming Meeting Dates; January 4th and January 18th, 2023.

FY2024 Budget – Due December 16, 2022; Agent Schellenger is creating budget.

2022 Annual Report – Due January 20, 2023; Agent Schellenger will complete draft for Commission review.

Property Management Update

Green Hanson would like to volunteer to build bog bridges and also purchase materials. Mr. Mansfield will coordinate with Green Hanson to build at Poor Meadow Brook. Volunteer waiver forms will be filled out for Conservation office files.

Signs; Printouts for Commission review.

Motion to approve No Dumping No Littering Sign including Hanson Town Seal (12 count) by: David Mansfield

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve Rocky Run Sign including Hanson Town Seal (2 count) by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 5-0-0

Smitty's Bog; American White Cedar Seedlings and Button Bush trees on hold. To be placed on February 2023 Agenda(s).

-Bay Circuit Trail

Zoom meeting with AMC/Bay Circuit Alliance on December 7, 2022 regarding Bonney Hill boardwalk project with Kristen Sykes and Becki Linhart.

Ms. Linhart oversees the Americorp Summer trail crew, 5-6 people, June-August. Work would be done Mon-Thurs, 4/10 hour days, at the cost of \$5,000.00.

Discussion regarding possible request for waiver/reduction of fees for trail crew to camp out at Camp Kiwanee during the project week.

Discussion had regarding assistance with the boardwalk and wetland crossing. There is a place where steps may have to be installed.

Conservation has a Blanket Notice of Intent that can be used for this project. The Blanket permit allows light impact things to be done on town land.

AMC requested the following information: Exact location, site design, budget/cost information, tentative list of materials validating the ideas.

Information to be sent before holiday. Site visit would be after New Year.

Open Space Acquisition; No current update.

Old Business/New Business

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 16 Upton Street, Map 2, Lot 338, Notice of Intent – **to be signed**

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) for 0 Whitman Street, Map 109, Plot 7B, Notice of Intent - **to be signed**

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

Invoice for Atlantic White Cedar Seedlings (Atlantic White Cedar Conservation, LLC) Smitty's Bog Wetlands Restoration – postponed

Motion to adjourn at 9:26 PM by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 5-0-0