

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
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
Edwin Heal, Member
Stephen Smith, Member
Chris Hoffman, Associate Member
Frank Schellenger, Agent
Lan Woodward, Administrative Assistant

Also Present: Maura and Nolan Brown, Carriage Road
Donald Nagle, Esquire, Law Offices of Donald P. Nagle
Jason Cadette, Cadette Enterprises
Dana Altobello, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors
Roger Means, Camp Kiwanee
Ed and Nicole Sheehan, E. Sheehan Corp.

Minutes

September 6, 2023

Motion to approve minutes of September 6th, 2023 by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-1

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent to construct a new single family house, gravel driveway, subsurface sewage disposal system, utilities, site grading, and landscaping of disturbed areas within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot 1A Lakeside Road, Map 79, Lot 26-2A for Scott Burgess, ATL Construction, represented by Steven Wry, Land Planning, Inc., 1115 Main Street Hanson, MA 02341 **(DEP# SE175-0752)**

Continued Notice of Intent to construct a new single family house, gravel driveway, subsurface sewage disposal system, utilities, site grading, and landscaping of disturbed areas within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot 2A Lakeside Road, Map 79, Lot 26-2 for Scott Burgess, ATL Construction, represented by Steven Wry, Land Planning, Inc., 1115 Main Street Hanson, MA 02341 **(DEP# SE175-0753)**

Continued Notice of Intent to construct a new single family house, gravel driveway, subsurface sewage disposal system, utilities, site grading, and landscaping of disturbed areas within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot 3A Lakeside Road, Map 79, Lot 26-2B for Scott Burgess, ATL Construction, represented by Steven Wry, Land Planning, Inc., 1115 Main Street Hanson, MA 02341 **(DEP# SE175-0754)**

Motion to continue hearing to October 4th, 2023 at 7:00 PM per request of Applicant by: David Mansfield

Second: Stephen Smith

Vote: 4-0-1

7:30 PM Continued Notice of Intent for repair of the existing septic system and associated site work at an existing restaurant within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands at Dunkin Donuts, 485 Liberty Street, Map 81, Lot 16, for Eric Eskander, Cadette Enterprises, represented by Dana Altobello, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, 427 Columbia Road, Hanover, MA 02359. **(DEP# SE172-0761)**

Dana Altobello, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, presented updated plans to Commission and Agent. The Applicant is proposing to repair the existing failed septic system. Some of the proposed disturbance is proposed within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands. The entirety of the system is outside the 50' buffer, but a portion of the paving along the proposed stormwater improvements are located within 50' buffer to bordering vegetated wetlands. The overflow pipe and headwall have been located and added to the plan as requested. There are no new impervious areas proposed. Brad Holmes performed the delineation. Work will be done mid-October and Dunkin Donuts will be closed for about two weeks.

Mr. Altobello stated that the Board of Health waived the requirement for soil testing. They have submitted the revised plans and comments.

Agent Schellenger reminded Applicant that if plan is changed by Board of Health, that Conservation Commission would need to review.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any questions, comments.

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

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to close hearing and approve project subject to special conditions by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

7:45 PM Continued Notice of Intent for an upgrade to the beach area which would include trees, grass, and water management within 100' of Cranberry Cove pond bank, within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands, and within 200' of a perennial stream at Camp Kiwanee, Cranberry Cove, 460 Indian Head Street, Map 4706, Lot 330, for Roger Means, Town of Hanson Recreation Department. **(DEP# SE175-0762)**

Mr. Means notified the Commission that he has a meeting with Ken Thomson next week regarding Stormwater Evaluation. He stated the DEP# was issued and no comments were added by DEP. Mr. Means is hoping to start work within the next few weeks.

Agent Schellenger has visited the site a number of times since the heavy rains. The beach sand is starting to erode. A concern is where the beach area will turn to grass; all along that line where sand is going to be cut away, there needs to be a line of straw bales to prevent erosion into pond. An 18" sock would work, but they are generally not used, he would suggest staking in line of straw bales. If contractor is using anything other than that, please notify.

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Discussions

Request for Extension of Enforcement Order for 42 Carriage Road, Map 112, Lot 24 – **requires vote and signatures**

Donald Nagle, Esquire, requested an extension of the enforcement order for Maura and Nolan Brown. They are in process of contacting environmental consultants for a restoration plan. November 13th would be deadline for paperwork submittal for the December 6th, 2023 Conservation Meeting.

Motion to accept extension of Enforcement Order to November 20th by: Stephen Smith

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Request for Minor Modification to a plan to adjust the location of three new foundations for an approved utility pole replacement project for Matthew Devlin, Eversource, Map 101 and 106, Lot 2 and 6C, Utility Row crossing Whitman Street and Utility Row between East Washington & Winter Street for (DEP# SE175-0745) – **requires vote**

Eversource began work to install and pour three concrete foundations for the new utility structure. It was determined that the concrete had not cured correctly and did not meet the required strength requirements and that the bolt cages did not set properly. They foundations would not be able to support the replacement structure. Eversource is requesting to adjust the location of the three new foundations as shown on plans which are on the opposite (east) side. The modification will not increase permanent wetland impacts authorized under the Order of Conditions.

Motion to accept minor modification to a plan for Eversource (DEP# SE175-0745) by: Stephen Smith

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0

Request for Release of a bond to Tedeschi-Gray for 161 Gray Lane (DEP# SE175-0278) – requires vote and signatures

The bond was issued in 1998. The Commission had requested a bond to cover final vegetation to site. Agent Schellenger has visited the site and the work has been completed.

Motion to approve release of a bond for 161 Gray Lane (DEP# SE175-0278) by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 5-0-0

Master Plan Steering Subcommittee

The Planning Board has created a Master Plan Steering Committee to update the Master Plan which will include one member of the Conservation Commission. The final adoption of the Master Plan by Select Board will be in June 2024.

Motion to designate Thomas Roffey, Jr. to the Master Plan Steering Committee by: David Mansfield

Second: Ed Heal

Vote: 5-0-0

Conservation Properties Status/Property Management Update; Trash removed at properties as needed.

All Trails Maps have been started. To be added onto hanson-ma.gov website. Teams have been created for conservation areas. Tasks are assigned to each member.

Signage for new trail is needed per grant as well as grand opening. Quote is needed for signage.

Commission requested office to forward information to FinCom for October Town Meeting which included Conservation Funds information and Spending Plan for FY2024; Conservation Article #22. Also, request permission to have available at table by Town Moderator.

Adopt-A-Trail Program printouts will be available at Hanson Day Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Smitty's Bog; Two lower bog trails mowed.

Indian Crossway; Trail was cleared of overgrowth.

Smith-Nawalzelski; Trail was cleared of overgrowth.

Rocky Run; Lower loop trail was cleared.

Town Forest; Downed tree on the trail removed.

Bonney Hill Trail; Limb across trail, severe knotweed issue.

Open Space Acquisition; Hubbell has acquired an outside real estate consultant.

MACC Conference; Reminder that conference is October 28, 2023.

Old Business/New Business

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) 599 Monponsett Street, Map 15, Lot 1B-1 – **Det of Applicability - signed**

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) Cranberry Cove, 460 Indian Head Street – **Notice Intent - signed**

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (Hanson Express) 485 Liberty Street, Map 81, Lot 16 – **Notice of Intent – to be signed**

Invoice for Infiltrometer Tests (Colin McSweeney) Off County Road MA DEP SE#175-0750 – **signed**

Invoice for Reimbursement (Agent) Mileage – **signed**

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 5-0-0