

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING DECEMBER 6, 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: Nolan and Maura Brown, Carriage Road
Greg Drake, Outback Engineering, Inc.
Don Howard, Winter Street

Minutes

November 15th, 2023

Motion to approve minutes of November 15th, 2023 by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: David Mansfield

Vote: 4-0-1

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to repair existing crushed sump pump, install fencing, and to provide wetland plantings to mitigate the cleared and filled wetland area on the property located within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands for 42 Carriage Road, Map 112, Lot 25 for Nolan and Maura Brown, represented by Outback Engineering, 165 East Grove Street, Middleboro, MA 02346. **(New Hearing)**

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

Mr. Drake, Outback Engineering, Inc. presented plans to the Commission. The Applicant inadvertently cleared and filled wetland area while installing a new lawn to replace an existing mulched playground area on the north side of residence. The request is for approval to install wetland plantings to mitigate for the filled wetland, repair existing crushed sump pump, and install a new fence within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands.

Chair Clemons stated that it looks like there are areas of impact within Conservation jurisdiction. Discussion on Commission conducting a site visit with permission from Applicant in order to be fully fair to all parties and implement regulations. Site visits planned for December 7th at 12:00PM and December 8th at 1:00 PM.

Agent Schellenger stated that there was work done on property that required a Wetlands Protection Act permit from the Conservation Commission. An After-the-Fact- Request for Determination was required as well as wetland delineation by a wetland professional.

Chair Clemons asked if there were any comments, questions.

Motion to continue hearing to December 20th, 2023 at 7:00 PM by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.
Second: David Mansfield
Vote: 5-0-0

Appointments – (None)

Discussions

Request for Extension to an Order of Conditions for Hanson Recreation Commission for Invasive Species Control at Camp Kiwanee, 460 Indian Head Street, Map 54, Lot 9 (DEP #SE175-0636) – **requires vote and signatures**

Motion to approve a 1-year extension to the Order of Conditions by:
David Mansfield
Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.
Vote 5-0-0

Request for Extension to an Order of Conditions for John Studer for 0 Pleasant Street, Map 8, Lot 11-D (DEP #SE175-0711) – **requires vote and signatures**

Motion to approve a 3-year extension to the Order of Conditions by:
Thomas Roffey, Jr.
Second: David Mansfield
Vote 5-0-0

Drainage Discussion

Don Howard, Stormwater Drainage Committee Chair, requested to discuss Drainage with Conservation Commission. Mr. Howard stated he was present to discuss mosquitoes. He has great concern about 20 retention areas in town that are producing millions and millions of mosquitoes. He has been to the Board of Health twice, he has notified Town Administrator, Lisa Green, who recommended that he seek help from State to get rules changed. He discussed his love for the Town of Hanson, career, and Select Board time and experience with the Commission. He has an issue and concern with Cushing Trails.

Chair Clemons notified Mr. Howard the we do not have jurisdiction of Cushing Trails. There are a number of projects presented to the Commission and we are very strict regarding the Stormwater Management Plans. If we see any indication of issues, we deny the project. There have been Applicants that have returned with re-designs which have been approved. If the project is not near wetlands, we do not have jurisdiction.

The Commission thanked Mr. Howard for attending meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Dates; January 3rd&17th, February 7th&21st, March 6th,20th, April 3rd, 17th

Red Horse Farm LLC

The farm may benefit to connect with Hanson Community Garden/Local Garden. There are remaining stumps that need removal, letter to be sent with request after site visit. The request of spreading of manure in the fields is not healthy to wildlife, it would be an unwise choice.

Property Management Update; Trash removed at properties where needed.

Smitty's Bog; Brush removed at possible vernal pool. Contact Laurie Bianchi for certification.

Poor Meadowe Brook; Scrap wood to be removed.

Smith Nawalzelski; Pot hole filled at entrance.

Rocky Run; Camera vandalized. Camera and trail camera to be installed.

Bonney Hill Trail; Waiting for paperwork for mowing.

Open Space Acquisition; No new update.

Marketing Table Throw

Motion to approve dark green 6' Table Throw from Walker Clay by: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Second: Stephen Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Requests for Proposals; Pond Management for Maquan Pond

Three quotes will be requested for Pond Management for preventive and remedial actions to rehabilitate Maquan Pond before the impairments become so severe that very expensive measures are needed. Work would be throughout Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) contingent on Town meeting approval.

Motion to endorse draft of Request for Proposals and submission to Town Administrator by:

David Mansfield

Second: Stephen Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Old Business/New Business

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (WH Express) 141 Pennsylvania Avenue, Map 84, Lot 2A-12A, Notice of Intent- pending invoice submittal

Invoice for Public Hearing Notice (WH Express) 42 Carriage Road, Map 112, Lot 24, Request Determination of Applicability – pending invoice submittal

Invoice for Subscription (www.landlaw.com) Massachusetts DEP Reporter – pending invoice submittal

Invoice(s) for Office Supplies (WB Mason) Envelopes, Bay Circuit Trail Opening – signed

Invoice for Reimbursement (Staff) MACC Fall Conference – signed

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

Motion to purchase TACF Membership Renewal through Gift/Donation

Conservation Account by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 PM by: David Mansfield

Second: Thomas Roffey, Jr.

Vote: 5-0-0