

Town of Hanover Conservation Commission
Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St., 2nd Floor Meeting Room
MINUTES for January 7, 2015
Approved 2/4/15



Those Members and Staff present: Lou Paradis, Chairman; Lisa Satterwhite, Vice Chair; Frank Brierley, Hearing Officer (arrived at 6:40 PM); Justin Shepard, Commissioner; Amy Walkey, Conservation Agent; Sandra MacFarlane, Asst. Conservation Agent.

Those Members not present: William Woodward, Commissioner; Brian McLoone, Associate Member

6:30 PM - The Chairman opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. Next Meetings- January 21st and February 4, 2015 @ 6:30 PM in 2nd Flr. Mtg Room - Town Hall

II. ACTION ITEMS: There were no action items to consider.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Agent's Report- The Agent reported on the following topics:

- 1131 Webster St.- The required swale to re-direct stormwater flow from the abutting property to the new driveway will be completed as approved.
- Deer carcass issue- The Conservation Office received a complaint regarding the dumping of a deer carcass next to a walking trail. The Agent has been in contact with several departments to rectify this and future similar situations.
- Newspaper reports- Eagle Scout Kyle Grant and Open Space Member Judy Grecco were featured in the Patriot Ledger for Kyle's trail and boardwalk project on the Indian Head / Riverside Drive Conservation Parcel.
- Open Space meeting update- Trail repair continues, Members are looking for support to purchase a canopy for Hanover Days, and Hunting signage was discussed at the recent Open Space Committee meeting. The Commission did not support the purchase of a canopy, as they are provided by the Town for this event.
- The Commission was reminded that the Open Space Committee is lacking a voting Member from the Conservation Commission. There were no volunteers at this time.
- The Staff presented conditions for the Factory Pond Dam Order of Conditions for the Commissions comments. VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Shepard it was voted 4-0-0 to approve the Conditions as written.

2. Minutes- **12/17/14** VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Shepard it was voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes.

3. Correspondence- Reviewed without comment.

4. Other: *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting- None*

7:00 PM

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **BL14-52, 134 Country Road, - RDA-** *for construction of an addition >50 feet from IVW*

PRESENT: none

DISCUSSION: The Agent explained that the addition was proposed greater than 50 ft. from an on-site Isolated Vegetated Wetland (IVW) with erosion control and limit of work proposed at 42 ft. In response to the Commission's questions, the Agent pointed out that dry wells for roof runoff were proposed.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Shepard and Brierley it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a Negative #3 Determination of Applicability.

2. ~~SE 31-1099, BL 14-50, rear 405 Washington St.- Tack Factory Dam-~~ *for removal of dam*

PRESENT: Nick Wildman, MA Div. of Ecological Restoration, Applicant's Representative; Sigmund Kozaryn, Cardinal Cushing Centers Inc., Applicant

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wildman explained a brief history of the site including notices received from the MA Office of Dam Safety that listed the dam in *poor to failing* condition which lead to the current proposal to remove the dam. Mr. Kozaryn added that the existing liability was of great concern and that in reviewing repair scenarios, it was found that the costs were prohibitive. Mr. Wildman further noted that a public hearing was recently held for a Notice of Intent submitted to the Town of Norwell. In addition, that he has been working with Ms. Sarah Grady, South Shore Natural Bays Estuary Program and Watershed Ecologist, and Ms. Samantha Woods, North and South Watershed Association (NSRWA). Ms. Grady and Ms. Woods stated that they support the proposed dam removal project. Ms. Woods stated further that the completed project will improve habitat and overall ecology of the area.

Mr. Warren Winders, Brook Trout Coordinator of Trout Unlimited, MA, spoke in support of the project noting that it will enhance the fish population by allowing fish from the Third Herring Brook to naturally travel through the newly established stream. This, he added will also enhance the habitat areas for other species.

Mr. Wildman gave a slide presentation created with the support of MA Environmental Trust, Conservation Law Foundation, and the Mass Bays Program, to name a few. He also noted a revision to the plan that included the elimination of .7 acre disturbance to a wooded area for temporary stockpiles of sediment reuse. In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. Wildman added that if approved, the project would begin in late summer months; that the project is scheduled for completion in a 4-6 week period; and that there will be no downstream impacts. In response to the Chairman's question regarding Grants, Mr. Wildman stated that the Dam Removal Repair Fund was reviewed as a possible source, but that the Applicant did not qualify. Ms. Woods stated that she was reviewing other possible grants for this project as well. A continuation to the January 21, 2015 meeting was discussed due to revisions to the plan required by Norwell Conservation Commission.

The Chair called for abutters to speak in favor and in opposition to the project.

Mr. Michael Stone, 58 Oakland Ave, Hanover, spoke in favor of the project and provided a brief history of the dam. He stated that it will enhance both the ecology and the aesthetics of the area.

Mr. Dan Jones, 37 Washington St., Hanover, past member of the North River Commission, spoke in favor of the project.

Mr. Peter Mohl, 174 River Rd., spoke in support of the project.

Mr. John Griffin, 159 Stetson Rd., Norwell, spoke in opposition to the project.

A brief discussion ensued in support of a joint meeting with Norwell for this project. The 1/21/15 meeting was discussed as a possible date.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Satterwhite and Brierley it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing to January 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM, with submission of a revised plan 1 week prior to that meeting.

8:00 PM

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Shepard it was voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Sandra D. MacFarlane, Asst. Conservation Agent
DMI, Conservation Office

Documents provided for this meeting:

1/7/15 Agenda

12/17/14 draft Minutes

RDA application 134 Country Rd.

NOI application packet for Tack Factory Pond