



Town of Hanover Conservation Commission
Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St., 2nd Floor Meeting Room
MINUTES for December 4th, 2013

Approved 12/18/13



Those Members and Staff present: Lou Paradis, Chairman; Frank Brierley, Hearing Officer; William Woodward, Commissioner; Justin Shepard, Commissioner; Amy Walkey, Conservation Agent; Sandra MacFarlane, Asst. Cons. Agent
Those Members and Staff not present: Lisa Satterwhite, Vice Chair; 2 Associate Members, (vacant)
Others: As per attached list

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. **December 18, 2013 @ 6:30 PM** in 2nd Flr. Mtg Room - Town Hall
2. **Vacancies on Commission**~ 2 Associate positions

II. DISCUSSION:

1. **1810 Washington St.**~ Proposed development project~ Brian Murphy, Property Owner, presented a conceptual site plan showing proposed redevelopment of this site. He pointed out that all existing structures are to be razed and that the existing detention pond is to be filled to allow for parking lot re-designed as part of a general stormwater management upgrade. He pointed out that only a single 14,000 sq. ft. building is planned for construction. A brief discussion ensued concerning the status of the "pond"/detention basin, resulting in agreement for submittal of a Notice of Intent based on the conceptual design as reviewed.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Review of Commission Meeting Schedule for January 2014**
 - a. Regular schedule: 1st Wed. is Holiday, January 1st, 3rd Wed. is January 15th
Suggested schedule: January 8th and 22nd

VOTED: Due to Commission schedules, it was voted 4-0-0 to post a single meeting during the month of January. Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Shepard and Brierley respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to post for January 15, 2014 as a single meeting in January.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS¹:

1. **BL 13-79, #134 Country Rd.**~ RDA~ *for abandonment of laundry pit & septic tank, and new septic tank in BZ to IVW*

PRESENT: Jeffrey Hassett, PE, Morse Engineering Co., Inc., Applicant's Representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hassett presented a plan dated 11/12/13, Revised 11/20/13, and explained that the project included the abandonment of a laundry pit (pump, crush, and fill with clean sand), and installation of a new septic tank 56 ft. and 78 ft. respectively, from an on-site Isolated Vegetated Wetland (IVW). Further that all work for the installation of the leaching field is greater than 100 ft. from the IVW. In response to questions from the Commission regarding location of work, Mr. Hassett explained that all work within the 100 ft. buffer was proposed as far from the IVW as possible.

VOTE: Based on the discussion above and upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Woodward and Brierley respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a standard Negative #3 Determination of Applicability.

2. **BL 13-65, SE 31-1078, #82 Buttercup Ln.**~NOI~ *for wetland crossing for a driveway +1000 ft. in BZ and up to edge of BVW continued from 11/20/13 meeting*

PRESENT: none

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Woodward and Shepard respectively, it was voted 4-0-0, as per the Applicant's request, to continue the hearing. Due to unresolved issues, the Commission chose to continue this hearing to January 15, 2014.

¹ If "SE 31-___" is listed, DEP # has not been assigned by DEP as of agenda posting date.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Minutes- 11/20/13

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Shepard respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes.

2. Correspondence- Reports and Minor Permits:

a. Conservation Staff- General and Enforcement Issues-

- (i) SE 31-1076, 1566 Hanover St.- The Agent reported that a revision to the septic design and location was made to the plan as per Board of Health as per the Board of Health, but that all work was still proposed within the approved limit of work.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Woodward and Brierley respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to accept the revised plan dated 11-6-13 as submitted.

b. Open Space Committee Liaison Report and Community Preservation Committee Report:

The Commission discussed general use of Town-owned land under the care and maintenance of both the Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee, including hunting. The current Hunting Policy includes two parcels, the Clark Bog Parcel and the Summer Street Parcel for deer hunting with bow only, and only during bow hunting-deer season. Commissioner Brierley suggested opening hunting up to include any parcel that could meet State and Federal regulations (500 ft. from residence, etc.) as well as allowing hunting of deer during the season for primitive arms, which also includes archery. Commissioner Shepard supported the suggestion but added that due to standing State regulations, the number of parcels could be limited. A discussion ensued regarding the logistics of hunting on other parcels regarding size, existing vegetation and trails, resulting in a request to post a public hearing for possible changes to the existing Hunting Policy for the December 18th meeting. Upon further consideration of timing and upcoming applications, the public hearing will be posted for the January 15, 2014 meeting.

VOTE: Based upon the discussion above and upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Shepard and Brierley, it was voted 4-0-0 to post for a January 15, 2014 public hearing regarding expansion of hunting to additional Conservation parcels as appropriate and to a second hunting period.

c. Minor Permits/Event Cards Issued: none

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

8:00 PM- Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Woodward and Brierley respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by
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DMI, Conservation Office