

Hanover Conservation Commission

MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2023

Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St.
2nd Floor Meeting Room and via Zoom as per instruction above.
Approved 4/26/23



NOTE: This meeting was moved to the Advisory Committee meeting room on the 1st floor.

6:00 PM

A Roll Call of Members resulted in the following:

Members present- Lisa Satterwhite (Vice Chairman), Robert Sennett (Hearing Officer), James Vaille and Mahendra Patel (Commission Members), David Sawin (Associate Member)

Members not present: Brian McLoone (Chairman)

Staff present: Conservation Agent S. MacFarlane and IT Host Stephen Ryerson, Dir. of Communications

Vice Chair Satterwhite stepped in as Acting Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Acting Chair Satterwhite made the following announcements:

1. This meeting is being recorded and has Zoom participation.
2. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6 PM¹

II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Request- Re-open public hearing- 70 Herring Brook Way-** *for add'l work in bz to BVW (pool)*

Discussion: The Commission was requested to re-open this hearing for the addition of an inground swimming pool and irrigation well on a newly created lot in Oakland Estates. The Agent explained that the additional work was entirely proposed within the original limit of work boundary, which was supported by the accompanying revised plan. The hearing date requested was for the April 26, 2023 Conservation meeting.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel, it was voted to re-open the public hearing as stated at the April 26, 2023 Conservation meeting as follows: L. Satterwhite, aye; J. Vaille, aye; R. Sennett, aye.

6:15 PM

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **75 Mill St., CDOA-23-2-** RDA- *installation of electric light poles in RFA*

PRESENT: Darren Grady, PE, Grady Consulting, LLC, Applicant's Representative.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Grady presented a plan dated 2/27/23 showing the installation of an electric light pole with erosion control materials, limit of work, and associated site preparation 180 ft. from Third Herring Brook and 101.2 ft. from associated bordering vegetated wetland (BVW). As the work resulted in minimum alteration (500 sf total) of buffer zone, the Commission issued a negative Determination of Applicability (NOI not required).

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to close the hearing and issue a Negative Determination of Applicability (NOI submission not required) as follows: L. Satterwhite, aye; J. Vaille, aye; R. Sennett, aye; M. Patel, aye.

2. **253 King St., CDOA-23-1-** RDA- *installation of electric light poles for Forge Pond Park ball fields*

PRESENT: Patrick Brennan, PE,

DISCUSSION: Mr. Brennan presented a plan dated 3/17/23 showing the installation of electric light poles and accessory structures within the buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands and an intermittent stream. The Conservation Agent confirmed that all areas of proposed work have been previously disturbed and are currently maintained grass and/or gravel /sand areas. Mr. Brennan

¹ Commission's 2023 Annual Schedule:

January 25	February 22	March 29	April 26
May 31	June 28	July 26	August 30
September 27	October 25	November 29	December 27

noted that all conduit trenches will be located on the upland side of light poles. With a minimum of questions, the Commission issued a negative Determination of Applicability (NOI not required).

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel, it was voted to close the hearing and issue a negative Determination of Applicability as follows: L. Satterwhite, aye; J. Vaille, aye; R. Sennett, aye; M. Patel, aye.

3. 28 Greenhill Rd, COOC-23-4, SE 31-1267- NOI- installation of inground pool, etc., in bz to BVW

PRESENT: Deborah Keller, PE, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, Applicant's Representative.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Keller presented a plan dated 2/8/23 showing the installation of an inground pool, patio, landscaping, drywell, and associated site work 51.8 ft. from an on-site bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) with erosion control materials and limit of work proposed at 25.2 ft. from the BVW. She noted that access to the work area would be from the existing driveway. Regarding the removal of six (6) mature white pines, the Commission allowed the removal with the permission of the abutting homeowner, Dave MacDonald, as two (2) of the trees are on his property. They shall be replaced with native NE trees such as Holly, Winterberry, and up to 12 native shrubs to lessen the threat of damage to the house from falling trees. Conservation posts are to be installed at the 25 ft. setback to the BVW. For the trees with the 25 ft. BVW buffer, there will be no stumping.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with add'l conditions as stated above, as follows: L. Satterwhite, aye; J. Vaille, aye; R. Sennett, aye; M. Patel, aye.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE: Reviewed with minimal comment.

1. Administrative Permits/Events/Other:

- a. CHPD-23-4 thru 6, *for add'l training events in March and April 2023.*
- b. CSI-23-3 & 4, *for general inspections on Summer St., Old Bridge Rd.*
- c. CEvP-23-1, Great River Race- Post-race Gathering and Award Ceremony- 7/30/23
- d. CMA-23-1, 353 Circuit St.- *for utility work*
- e. CMA-23-2, 253 King St.- *for removal of hazardous storm damaged trees*
- f. CDMA-23-2, 37 Nash Landing- *for installation of inground pool +70 ft. from BVW*

2. Minutes- 2/22/23 meeting

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to approve the minutes as follows: L. Satterwhite, aye; J. Vaille, aye; R. Sennett, aye; M. Patel, aye.

3. Agent's Report- Reviewed with minimal comment.

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

6:56 PM – Adjourn

Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to close the meeting as follows: L. Satterwhite, aye; J. Vaille, aye; R. Sennett, aye; M. Patel, aye.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Conservation Agent Sandra MacFarlane

Documents provided at the meeting:

- 3/29/23 Agenda
- Request to re-open 70 Herring Brook Way hearing
- RDA application for 75 Mill St.
- RDA application for 253 King St.
- NOI application for 28 Green Hill Rd.
- Admin items as listed in Section IV.1. a. – f.
- 2/22/23 draft Minutes
- 3/29/23 Agent's Report