

Hanover Conservation Commission

Minutes for March 31, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom - Approved 4/28/21

5:00 PM

Members Roll Call and Staff present- Chairman Brian McLoone, V. Chairman Lisa Satterwhite, Hearing Officer Robert Sennett, Members James Vaille and Mahendra Patel, Associate Member Steve Louko, Conservation Agent Sandra MacFarlane (Remote Meeting Co-host)

Remote Meeting Host- Stephen Ryerson, IT

I. **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman McLoone opened the meeting and made the following announcements.

- ❖ Reminder to Members- votes to be roll-call only
- ❖ Reminder to Members- permits will be available at Cons Office for original signatures
- 1. The Town Hall is now open to the public with conditions- all must follow social distancing, use of face coverings and other COVID-19 requirements. Meetings remain remote at this time. All Conservation applications are due via the email to address below¹ with a single paper copy and checks dropped off at the Town Hall or mailed to the attention of the Conservation Agent, Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St., Hanover MA 02339.

5:15 PM

II. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** *(with Roll call votes)*

1. **BL 20-64, SE 31-1215, 110 Industrial Way-** NOI- *continued from 2/24/21 meeting- for redevelopment project in RFA to Drinkwater River for establishment of professional landscaping company*

PRESENT: none

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Sennett, it was voted as follows to continue the hearing to April 28, 2021 at 5 PM as per the applicant's request- BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes, MP- yes.

2. **BL 21-122, SE 31-1225, 32, 58, and rear Oakland Ave.-** NOI- *continued from 2/24/21 meeting- for 9-lot subdivision roadway*

PRESENT: Alan Loomis, PE, McKenzie Engineering Group, Inc.; applicant's representative, Anthony McSharry, applicant; Brad Holmes, PWS, and Adam Brodsky, Esq., applicant's wetland consultant and attorney, respectively.

DISCUSSION: Chair McLoone prefaced the hearing by explaining that this was a continuation of the 2/24 meeting and that upon discussion with interested parties/abutters, the questions should pertain to wetland issues.

Mr. Loomis gave a brief history from the last hearing and added details regarding the general work at the entrance and retaining wall details. It was agreed by the applicant that a bright orange fence would be installed to either side of wetland flag A-6 prior to any commencement of work, and that the Agent would be on site to ensure that any damage or infringement to the wetland (anywhere on site) would be immediately repaired. It was also agreed that the boulders and stonewall materials would be reused on site. The boulders are to be placed at the 35 ft. no-disturbance setback at the rear of the cul-de-sac to provide additional protection to this area, especially during the winter months. Mr. Loomis shared that the Planning Board had also required trees in this area. The Agent added a reminder for the use of native New England plantings. Concerning the Homeowners Association Policy, since the roadway is to remain private, it was agreed that a contact sheet for officers of the HOA with contact information be submitted to the Conservation Office as soon as it is established.

Wetland Specialist Brad Holmes presented the Mitigation Plan that includes 1:1.5 buffer restoration plantings which is greater than required in the bylaw and regulations. He also noted that slopes were to be 3:1 with conservation seed mix for additional stabilization. In response to the Commission's questions, Mr. Loomis explained that the length of the retaining wall was not changed since the last hearing, that Mr. Holmes adapted his Mitigation Plan to the existing location and dimensions of the wall.

In response to concerns from abutter Dan Bradford, 64 Oakland Ave., Mr. Loomis explained that there would be no wetland disturbance at wetland flag A-6, and that if there was an accidental intrusion, the Conservation Agent would be present for oversight of the immediate repairs. Mr. Loomis also explained the process used for soils testing throughout the site and

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added that other of his questions were answered in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Mr. Bradford noted appreciation for the added detail during this hearing.

In response to concerns from resident Stephen Heney, 287 Washington St., Mr. Loomis assured all (and the Agent confirmed) that if revisions to the plan are necessary during construction, that the Commission will be notified first, prior to any changes in the field, and that those incidences must be reviewed by the Conservation Agent as well, prior to and during said construction.

With no further comments from those present, Chair McLoone added a statement regarding the diligence that the Commission Members and Conservation Agent have given this project from the wetland boundary confirmation last year to the current Notice of Intent hearings. He invited those abutters and interested parties present to learn more about the Commission's duties and consider joining, especially if they were not convinced that the appropriate review was conducted. Other Members agreed with the Chair, adding that his leadership throughout was appreciated.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Sennett, it was voted as follows to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with Special Conditions- BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes, MP- yes.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Trailside Ln. Land Donation- Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille it was voted as follows to support the land donation and to send said information to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager: BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes, MP- yes.

Motion: "For the Conservation Commission to support the acceptance by the Board of Selectmen for the parcel of land located off/rear Meadow Dr. and designated on the Town of Hanover Assessor's Map as Map 79, Lot 8, for the purpose of passive recreation, including walking trails, and that the parcel be placed under the care and maintenance of the Conservation Commission."

2. Trail Maintenance Team Update- The Agent reported that the flyer and forms for volunteering are ready for distribution and that she is working with the IT department to add a section in the website for this project. The Commission confirmed its approval for going forward with this project with the following vote: BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes, MP- yes.
3. Minutes- 2/24/21- Upon a motion and second made by Members Satterwhite and Vaille it was voted as follows to approve the minutes: BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes, MP- yes.
4. Agent's Report- Reviewed.
 - a. Fireworks Site- Work continues on site in the inland areas. DEP approved plans to remove items from the pond are still pending. A DEP Notice of Response Action Interim Deadline document dated 3/3/21 was received regarding pending sediment sampling in the Indian Head River corridor downstream of Factory Pond Dam to determine the nature and extent of sediment contamination in connection with the Former National Fireworks Site. This document sets a deadline of 3/31/21 for the Joint Defense Group (responsible parties) to decide whether DEP or Tetra Tech will conduct the sampling.
 - b. Hanover Crossing- Work continues in compliance with the Order of Conditions (OOC).
 - c. Cumberland Farms- Work is nearly finished for this project and remains in compliance with the OOC.
 - d. Starland- Additional work on site is pending for an additional amusement ride, but is out of the buffer.
 - e. Morse Farms Estates- Due to the developer's bankruptcy, DPW finished infrastructure work at this site which is now ready for issuance of a full Certificate of Compliance for SE 31-917. Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Sennett, the roll-call vote to issue the COC was as follows: BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes, MP- yes.
 - f. Two Eagle Scout projects are pending for vernal pool observation this Spring.
 - g. The following Minor Activities and Event Permits were issued:
 - CMA-21-1 683 Hanover St.- for storage shed 76.2 ft. from IVW

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- CDOA-MA 21-1 121 Bates Way- *for swimming pool 88.2 ft. from BVW*
- CDOA-MA 21-2 324 Pleasant St.- *for septic upgrade 80.3 ft. from BVW*

h. Other - *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting*

7:55 PM Adjournment- Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Satterwhite, it was voted as follows to adjourn the meeting: BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes, MP- yes.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Sandra D. MacFarlane, Conservation Agent, CDMI

Documents provided at meeting: NOI packets for 110 Industrial Way and 32/58 Oakland Ave., Trailside Ln. info, 2/24 draft Minutes, 3/31 Agent's Report, Minor Acts Permits as listed above.