



Town of Hanover Conservation Commission,
Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St., 2nd Floor Meeting Room
MINUTES for MARCH 6th, 2013
 Approved 3/20/13



Those Members and Staff present: Lou Paradis, Chairman; Lisa Satterwhite, Vice Chairman; Frank Brierley, Hearing Officer; Amy Walkey, Conservation Agent; Sandra MacFarlane, DMI Administrative Assistant

Those not present: William Woodward, Commissioner and Keith Calder, Associate Member

Other: As per attached attendance sheet

6:30 PM

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

The Chairman opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

1. **March 20 and April 3, 2013 @ 6:30 PM** in 2nd Flr. Meeting Room - Town Hall

II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Requests for Certificates of Compliance: No Action Taken.
 - a. **SE 31-1036, 1775 Washington St., Dick's Sporting Goods-** *based on "work completed"*

7:00 PM

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **BL 13-05, #8 Meadow Dr.-** NOI- *for site grading in BZ to BVW¹ in association with const. of a single family dwelling*

PRESENT: none

VOTE: As per the Applicant's request and upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Satterwhite and Brierley, respectively, it was voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing to 3/20/13 at 7:00 PM.

2. **BL 13-04, SE 31-____,² #1123 Webster St.-** NOI- *cont'd from 2/20/13, see App's request to cont. to 3/20/13*

PRESENT: none

VOTE: As per the Applicant's request and upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Satterwhite and Brierley, respectively, it was voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing to 3/20/13 at 7:00 PM.

3. **BL 13-02, SE 31-1065, Mill St., Mill Pond Dam Project-** NOI- *cont'd from 2/20/13, see App's request to cont. to 3/20/13*

PRESENT: none

VOTE: As per the Applicant's request and upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Satterwhite and Brierley, respectively, it was voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing to 3/20/13 at 7:00 PM.

4. **BL 13-06, #1226 Webster St.-** RDA- *for test pits in BZ to BVW*

PRESENT: Al Loomis, PE, McKenzie Engineering Group, Inc., Applicant's Representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. Loomis gave a brief history of the site noting soil conditions throughout the site. He explained that the proposed work included soil exploration for relocation of the existing septic system. He pointed out that the work was proposed 69 ft. from an on-site Bordering Vegetated Wetland and was temporary in nature. Also that the two (2) large trees in the area will not be removed, that work can be conducted around them without disturbance to their root systems. In response to the Commission's questions regarding equipment to be used, Mr. Loomis explained that the work can be accomplished using a mini-excavator with rubber treads. Using this equipment, it is expected that two (2) holes will be dug and one will be used for the perc test, then both backfilled with original materials. He pointed out that erosion control materials were proposed on the two sides of the project closest to the BVW to insure no impacts to the BVW. Also that the lawn would be returned to close to its original condition with no impacts to the wetlands.

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

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Minutes- 2/20/13

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Paradis, respectively, it was voted 2-0-1 to approve the minutes (Comm. Satterwhite abstained).

¹ BZ- Buffer Zone BVW- Bordering Vegetated Wetland BLSF- Bordering Land Subject to Flooding RFA- Riverfront Area

² DEP # has not been assigned by DEP as of agenda posting date.

2. Correspondence

3. Reports:

a. Conservation Staff- General and Enforcement issues- The Agent reported the following:

- (i) 155 Union St.- As a result of a site inspection regarding the removal of damaged trees that were located along and just behind conservation posts, a Minor Acts Permit was issued for their removal. It was noted that a Tree Co. had also inspected the trees and confirmed the safety concerns as the house is located within the fall zone.
- (ii) Mill Pond Dam Project- This project has been continued to the next meeting, as listed above, at which the Commission will review sample conditions for the Order of Conditions. Also that the quote from Amory Engineers, Inc. for work to review the NOI application and plan was submitted at up to \$3,500.00. Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Satterwhite and Brierley respectively, it was voted 3-0-0 to accept Amory's proposal.
- (iii) 1131 Webster St. NOI- As the NOI application and plan are still incomplete, this project was also continued, as listed above. Also, the Agent met with the abutter who submitted photos of cut trees on a nearby lot to ascertain the relevance to this project and to review the area in general for impacts to nearby resource areas. As a result, it was found that the cutting took place in an area out of the Commission's jurisdiction and is not relevant to the 1131 Webster St. house project.
- (iv) 57 Water St.- The status of this enforcement action is unclear at this time. The Agent is currently reviewing the file and restoration plan and will contact homeowner.
- (v) Board of Health Plans- Several plans were reviewed by the Agent since the last meeting that were received from the Board of Health Office including 556 Circuit St, 70 Sunset Point, 107 Brook St, 8 Meadow Ln. (which has submitted an application to Conservation and is scheduled for 3/20). This is in a cooperative effort to avoid test pits or septic work that may be inadvertently conducted in the Commission's jurisdiction without a permit.
- (vi) 21 Te Berry Farm Rd.- This ongoing project has scheduled the conservation post installation and will be inspected next week.
- (vii) 808 Circuit St.- Dana Altobello, PE, Merrill Associates, Inc., contacted the Cons. Office in regard to a Restoration Plan that will be submitted soon for work in the buffer zone to on-site BVW's. The Agent will be conducting site inspections within the next few weeks as a follow up to the owner's concerns regarding work on his property that may have been conducted too close to wetlands.
- (viii) 957 Webster St.- A letter is being prepared for this property owner regarding the status of the restoration plan on his property and the abutting two (2) properties. It was noted that both abutters would be copied on the letter.
- (ix) Vernal Pool Project- The Commission once again authorized the Staff to hire a consultant to review vernal pools in Town and to use Conservation Land Account funds.
- (x) MACC Conference- It was noted that both Staff members and Chair Paradis will attend the upcoming MACC conference for workshops that include Commission behavior, stream stats, global warming, invasive species id and removal, and several others.
- (xi) CC Network Group- Information will be forwarded to the Commission regarding this network affiliated with SSCCN Group.

b. Open Space Committee Liaison- no report give

c. Community Preservation Committee Rep. - no report given

d. Minor Activities Permits Issued: none

e. Conservation Land Event Permits Issued: none

4. Other: *Items that, as of the posting of the agenda, the Chair could not reasonably anticipate for discussion.*

7:20 PM

Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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