

# Hanover Conservation Commission

## **MINUTES for April 28, 2021**

Approved 5/26/21



### **5:00 PM**

Members Roll Call: Brian McLoone, Chairman- present; Lisa Satterwhite, Vice Chairman- present;  
Robert Sennett, Hearing Officer- present; James Vaille, Member- present;  
Steve Louko, Associate Member- present;  
Not present- Member Mahendra Patel and Associate Member Duke Magoun

Others Present: Sandra MacFarlane, Conservation Agent;

Zoom Meeting Host: Steve Ryerson, Comm. Info and Media Director

### **I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman McLoone welcomed all present and made the following announcement:

1. The Town Hall is now open to the public. Face coverings and social distancing are required.

### **5:15 PM**

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

#### **1. CNOI-21-1, SE 31-1228, 104 Ponderosa Dr.-** NOI- *for residential garage addition in bz to BVW*

PRESENT: Colin McSweeney, PE, McSweeney Associates, Inc., applicant's representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. McSweeney presented a plan dated 3/11/21 showing the construction of a residential garage addition and associated site work within the buffer to an on-site bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) and within riverfront area to the Ben Mann Brook. He pointed out that although work is proposed within inner riparian, the project meets the requirements of the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations 310 CMR 10.58 due to the date of house construction and lot creation- 1966. Also, that erosion control materials and limit of work were proposed at 27 ft. from the BVW and out of the 25 ft. no-disturb buffer. He confirmed that upon the recommendation of the Conservation Agent, the wooden shed will be removed from the 25 ft. no-disturb buffer and that conservation posts will be installed along the existing tree line/edge of historically mowed lawn. Also confirmed was that no more than 2 gals. of gas for general lawn care may be stored in the shed in its current location due to the proximity to the wetlands.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to close the hearing as follows: BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes.

Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Sennett, it was voted to issue a standard Order of Conditions as follows: BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes.

#### **2. BL 20-64, SE 31-1215, 110 Industrial Way-** NOI- *continued from 3/31/21 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 Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to continue the hearing to May 26, 2021 at 5:15 pm as per the applicant's request as follows: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to close the hearing as follows: BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes.

### **III. ADMINISTRATIVE:**

#### **1. Minutes- 3/31/21**

VOTE: 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.

#### **2. Agent's Report- Reviewed without comment.**

- a. Fireworks Site- Work continues on site in the inland areas. A site inspection is scheduled for April 27.
- b. Hanover Crossing- Work continues in compliance with the Order of Conditions.
- c. Cumberland Farms- Work continues on site and remains in compliance with the Order of Conditions.
- d. Starland- Additional work on site is pending for an additional amusement ride, but is out of the buffer.
- e. Complaint calls/pre-application inspections have increased during CV-19 resulting in +12 add'l non-hearing inspections throughout town. Annual post-winter inspections of commercial sites have begun.

f. Dumping on town properties is increasing and is causing safety issues.

g. The following Minor Activities and Event Permits were issued:

- CHPD-21-1 thru 4 Scheduled Event Permits- *for March - May use of Clark Bog- Firing Range*
- CMA-21-2 Minor Acts Permit- *for septic upgrade +72' from BVW633 Webster St.*
- CMA-21-3 Minor Acts Permit- *for add'l educational gardens +70' from BVW at 1075 Washington St.*
- CMA-21-4 Minor Acts Permit- *for above ground pool- no grading +60' ft. from BVW at 448 Whiting St.*
- CMA-21-5 Minor Acts Permit- *for septic upgrade +70' ft. from BVW at 324 Pleasant St.*
- CMA-21-6 Minor Acts Permit- *for removal of hazardous trees at 1600's house in RFA at 676 Circuit St.*
- CMA-21-7 Minor Acts Permit- *for installation of new natural gas line +95' from BVW at 102 River Rd.*

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

Chairman McLoone inquired about protocol for Conservation Members at the upcoming town meeting regarding the article for the Rail Trail project- i.e., making comments as Chairman vs. comments as a resident. The Conservation Agent recommend a confirmation vote be taken so that Members could speak as both if they so desired.

VOTE: Upon a motion made by Members Vaille and Sennett, it was voted to confirm that the Conservation Commission supports and Members in attendance at the meeting may recommend (as Members) an affirmative vote for the Rail Trail article at annual town meeting.

**6:15 PM**- Upon a motion and second made by Members Satterwhite and Vaille, it was voted to adjourn the meeting as follows: BM- yes, LS- yes, RS- yes, JV- yes.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
Sandra MacFarlane, Conservation Agent, CDMI  
Conservation Office

Documents available at the meeting:

4/28/21 Agenda

104 Ponderosa NOI application packet

110 Industrial Way NOI file

3/31/21 draft Minutes

4/28/21 Agent's Report