



Town of Hanover Conservation Commission

MINUTES MAY 20, 2020

APPROVED June 24, 2020

Those Members and Staff present via remote access:

Brian McLoone, Chairman; Lisa Satterwhite, Vice Chair; Robert Sennett, Hearing Officer; Members James Vaille and Mahendra Patel; Associate Member Steve Louko;

Conservation Agent, Sandra MacFarlane

Others present from the public: none

2:00 PM- Chairman McLoone opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the Town Hall remains closed resulting in the necessity to hold meetings with remote attendance. Instructions for attendance are available on the Town's website at www.hanover-ma.gov via the agendas.
2. The Conservation Agent, Ms. MacFarlane, is manning the Conservation Commission Office remotely. Please send all correspondence via email to sandra.macfarlane@hanover-ma.gov. Applications should be submitted as pdf's and similar via email to the Agent with hard copies sent to the Town Hall at the above address and for RDA's, ANRAD's, NOI's- email to MA DEP as required.
3. Next Meeting- to be announced- recommended: June 24
VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Patel it was voted 5-0-0 to schedule the next Conservation Commission Meeting for June 24, 2020 at 2:00 pm if a remote meeting is required, or if able to be held at Town Hall, at 6:00 pm in the 2nd floor hearing room.

II. Action Items:

1. Certificate of Compliance Requests
 - a. **BL 10-37, SE 31-1021- 1775 Washington St., Assisted Living Facility** based on "work never commenced"
VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Satterwhite it was voted 5-0-0 to issue a Certificate of Compliance based on the fact that no work ever commenced.
 - b. **BL 18-03, SE 31-1169- 1204 Main St.,** based on "all work completed"
VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Satterwhite and Sennett it was voted 5-0-0 to issue a Certificate of Compliance as all work complied with the Order of Conditions.

2:15 PM

III. PUBLIC HEARING: Hearings were continued from the April 22, 2020 meeting.

1. **BL 19-66, SE 31-1199, 476 Webster St., SS VocTech-** AOOC- request for add'l work
PRESENT: Susan Spratt, PE, McKenzie Engineering Group, Inc., Applicant's Representative
DISCUSSION: Ms. Spratt presented a plan dated 4/30/20 showing additional work they wish to have permitted under the existing Order of Conditions. Proposed work includes the construction of a snack stand and area with permeable pavers, stormwater improvements, expansion of the existing baseball dugout buildings, and associated site work. The Commission determined that the additional work did not require a new Notice of Intent submission and therefore could be added as amendments to the existing Order of Conditions.
VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Satterwhite and Patel, it was voted 5-0-0 to close the hearing and issue an Amended Order of Conditions.

2. BL 20-38, SE 31-1210, 83 Hanover St.- NOI- *for demo house, construct new house and septic in riverfront area and in BZ to BVW on lot created prior to River's Protection Act*

PRESENT: Dana Altobello, PE, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, Inc., Applicant's Representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. Altobello presented a plan dated 5/15/20 with revisions as per the Commission's requirements from the 4/22/20 meeting. Mr. Altobello pointed out that the house was moved further away from the wetland and that the amount of alteration within the inner riparian was decreased below the pre-existing amount of disturbance. The Conservation Agent noted compliance with the 4/22 requirements, including conservation setback markers, and noted additional mitigation including the planting of trees and New England Wildflower Mix in the area adjacent to wetland flags WF2 through WF4.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Satterwhite and Vaille it was voted 5-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a standard Order of Conditions.

3. BL 20-40, SE 31-1212, 637 Washington St.- Starland- NOI- *for construction of Zip-line, 16 ft. wide access-way and new parking lot in BZ to BVW with wetland replication and buffer and bank restoration*

PRESENT: Dana Altobello, PE, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, Inc., Applicant's Representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. Altobello presented a revised plan dated 5/13/20 showing revisions as per the 4/22/20 meeting and a recent site inspection conducted by the Conservation Agent and Members Sennett and Vaille. He noted that those revisions included the addition of a 6 ft. high fence extension to the dumpster area, fencing to the east side of the go-cart area, and stormwater improvements to further protect the stream. Mr. Teixeira added that cleanup of all metal and netting debris had commenced as required and will continue throughout the project. Mr. Altobello reviewed his 5/13/20 response letter to CEI's comments, noting that all of CEI's issues were resolved. He noted that the revised stormwater design results in an overall increase to the quality of flow and health of the stream and associated vegetation. The Commission raised concerns for continued maintenance, removal of trees necessitated by the installation of the zip-line, and trash accumulation in and around the streams. Mr. Teixeira assured that all employees are currently chipping in with site cleanup and that the current diligence for site maintenance will continue. Also that removal of trees will be minimized for the project. Mr. Altobello noted that a fence can be added to the new access roadway to eliminate trash blowing into the stream. The Agent raised concerns for access to the new parking lot area and illegal dumping adjacent to nearby wetlands. Mr. Teixeira stated that the new parking area is planned for large events only and will be gated off during normal business days, with continual monitoring.

(3:08 pm) Chair McLoone left the meeting. Vice Chair Satterwhite stepped in as Chair.

Special conditions are to include comments from CEI, invasive plant removal, minimum tree removal, signage for "No Littering" and "Be Kind to the Environment", gated entry for new parking area on both entry/exit areas, and maintenance of site and stream.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Sennett it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions as stated.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Minutes- 2/5/20 and 4/22/20- *This item was taken out of order at 2:05 pm with all 5 members.*

Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Satterwhite it was voted 5-0-0 to approve the 2/5/20 minutes.

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2. Minor Activities Permits/Events issued and updates: Reviewed without comment.

- a. BL 20-41- Scheduled Event, Clark Bog Parcel- *HPD training event on April 15, 2020*
- b. BL 20-42- Scheduled Event, Clark Bog Parcel- *HPD training event on April 16, 2020*
- c. BL 20-43- Scheduled Event, Clark Bog Parcel- *HPD training event on April 17, 2020*

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- d. BL 20-44- Minor Acts Permit, 47 Stone Meadow Ln.- *for damaged tree removal in BZ to on-site BVW*
 - e. BL 20-45- Minor Acts Permit, 57 Setterland Farm Rd.- *for damaged tree removal in BZ to BVW*
 - f. BL 20-46- Minor Acts Permit, 214 Winter St.- *for above-ground pool +72' from BVW*
 - g. BL 20-47- Minor Acts Permit, 243 Old Schoolhouse Ln.- *for shed on pre-existing raised gravel bed in BZ to BVW*
 - h. BL 20-48- Minor Acts Permit, 50 Country Rd.- *for replacement of above-ground pool +75' from BVW*
 - i. BL 20-49- Scheduled Event, Clark Bog Parcel- *HPD Training event on May 15, 2020*
3. Agent's Report – Reviewed without comment.
4. Other - *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting- None.*

3:17 pm- Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Sennett it was voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Sandra D. MacFarlane, Conservation Agent

Community Dev. and Municipal Inspections, Conservation Office

Documents provided at Meeting:

- 5/20/20 agenda
- COC Request packet for 1775 Washington St.
- COC Request packet for 1204 Main St.
- OOC Request to Amend for South Shore Voc. Tech.
- NOI application packet for 83 Hanover St.
- NOI application packet for Starland
- 2/05/20 draft Minutes
- 4/22/20 draft Minutes