



Town of Hanover Conservation Commission
Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St., 2nd Floor Meeting Room

MINUTES for June 18th, 2014

Approved 8/13/14

Those Members and Staff Present: Lou Paradis, Chairman; Lisa Satterwhite, V. Chairman; Frank Brierley, Hearing Officer; William Woodward, Commissioner; Brian McLoone, Associate Member; Amy Walkey, Conservation Agent; Sandra MacFarlane, Asst. Conservation Agent.

Those Members and Staff not Present: Justin Shepard, Commissioner

Others Present: As per sign-in sheet

6:30 PM - Chairman Paradis opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. Summer Schedule to begins- July 16, July 30 (*tentative*), August 13, 2014 @ 6:30 PM in 2nd Flr. Mtg Room - Town Hall
As per the Commission, a July 30, 2014 meeting will be posted if necessary.
2. Vacancies on Commission- 1 Associate position

II. PRESENTATION:

1. Nick Wildman and Samantha Woods, Ex. Dir. of NSRWA

Mr. Wildman and Ms. Woods gave a slide presentation regarding the river restoration and the process of dam breaching/repair. He explained that removing dams lessens the chance of floods, re-establishes the natural flow of streams, reduces impacts to resource areas, increases habitat, increases fish populations and spawning due to return of natural water temperatures, and decreases safety hazards due to outdated and weakened infrastructure. A brief discussion ensued regarding the current YMCA Dam breach project.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **BL 14-25, #262 Webster St.- RDA-** *for residential addition in BZ to BVW*

PRESENT: Property owner Derek Affsa

DISCUSSION: Mr. Affsa presented a plan for the construction of an 18' x 24' residential room addition 56 ft. from an on-site Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) with erosion control materials and limit of work proposed at 50 ft. from the BVW. The Agent added that the project meets 310 CMR 10.02 (2) b.1. -Minor Activities, and recommended a negative determination.

VOTE: Based on the discussion above and upon a motion and second by Commissioners Satterwhite and Brierley respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability.

2. **BL 14-24, SE 31-____, #136 Washington St.- NOI-** *for std w/ garage, septic, etc. in BZ to BVW*

PRESENT: Terrence McGovern, PE, Morse Engineering Co., Inc., Applicant's Representative; Mr. Paul Ricciardi, Applicant

DISCUSSION: Mr. McGovern presented a project for construction of a single family house and associated site work. He explained that the project results in an overall decrease to impervious area due to the removal of a tennis court. He also noted that work is not proposed beyond the existing stone wall, all asphalt and excavated materials will not be stockpiled, and that mulch tube is proposed for erosion control. In response to the Agent's concerns, Mr. McGovern agreed to repair wetland flagging and noted that the stone wall will remain in place.

Upon invitation to speak either for or against the project, Chair Paradis read a letter dated 6/13/14 from Abutter Eugene Dunn 96-98 Washington St., regarding the stream, obstructed flow, and post construction flooding concerns, was read into the meeting. In addition, the following persons spoke in opposition to the project:

- Abutter Steven Dunn, 96-98 Washington St., clarified that the stream has been observed dry in the months of July and August, and noted that the stone wall needs repairs. Mr. McGovern agreed to look at the stream and to manually remove obstructions from that portion of the stream located on the project property.

- Abutter Marian Farrell, 158 Washington St., questioned percolation test results, stating that none had passed prior to this project. Mr. McGovern explained the testing process and noted that the project has been submitted to Board of Health for approval.

Regarding bank stability, Mr. McGovern agreed to use manual equipment only and to plant native New England river bank species such as willows.

VOTE: Based on the discussion above and upon a motion and second by Commissioners Woodward and Satterwhite, it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a standard Order of Conditions contingent upon Board of Health approval of the septic system, and with a Special Condition regarding the bank stabilization and plantings if required after stream clearing.

3. BL 14-04, SE 31-1085, #775 Washington St.- NOI- continued from 6-04/14 meeting

PRESENT: Terrence McGovern, PE, Morse Engineering Co., Inc., Applicant's Representative; David Delaney, Property Owner

DISCUSSION: The Commission reviewed the 6/12/14 report from David Nyman, PE, CEI, Planning Board Consultant, regarding compliance with DEP's current stormwater management policy. Mr. McGovern confirmed that all requirements were now met. The Agent reported that the Planning Board review is complete and their Decision is pending. She confirmed Mr. Nyman's approval of the site plan and Operation and Maintenance Plan, and recommended closing the hearing.

VOTE: Based on the discussion above and upon a motion and second by Commissioners Brierley and Shepard, it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a standard Order of Conditions.

4. SE 31-1043, off Park Dr.- Village at Seven Springs- AOOC- for modifications to project, post OOC issuance

PRESENT: Deborah Keller, PE, McKenzie Engineering Group, Inc., and Attorney Matthew Watsky, both Applicant's Representatives

DISCUSSION: Chairman Paradis gave a brief history of the Commission's role in the permitting of this project and explained the process for obtaining an Amended Order of Conditions.

Ms. Keller explained that several details regarding the project have changed since foreclosures occurred and the parcel was divided into reconfigured lots. These included pending sale of the property, a minor change to lot lines, re-design resulting in reduced impervious area and building re-configuration, as well as new property owners and a new applicant. She pointed out that the modified project remains within the original limit of work approved on the original permit and that the previously approved connector road to the north of the project would no longer be constructed. She pointed out that this further reduced the amount of disturbance to the wetlands and reduced the amount of impervious surface as well. The Agent reported that final comments regarding stormwater were pending from Dave Nyman, PE, CEI, Planning Board Engineering Consultant. Also that a site walk was scheduled for 7/19/14 with Mr. Nyman and Commission members. Further that Greg DeCeasar, DEP opined that such changes warrant an amended Order in lieu of a new Notice of Intent.

Upon invitation to speak either for or against the project, the following abutters spoke in opposition to the project by voicing concerns with proposed grading to reduce existing high elevations, excessive vegetation removal, sediment and erosion problems, ground water and flooding issues, and damage to natural habitat areas:

- Richard Matthews, 147 Donna Dr.,
- Christopher Stone, 155 Donna Dr.,
- Yolanda Stone, 155 Donna Dr., and
- Daniel Cleary, 220 Twin Fawn Dr.

Attorney Watsky explained the Applicant's efforts for cooperation, reduction in impacts to the wetlands, and noted that the project meets all current setbacks and regulations. The Chair reiterated the pending site walk and the Commission suggested a continuation.

VOTE: Based on the discussion above and upon a motion and second by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing to 7/16/14 at 7:00 PM as per the Applicant.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. **Minutes-** 6/4/14- Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Shepard, it was voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes.
2. **Correspondence and Reports -** The Staff updated the Commission on ongoing issues.
 - a. Conservation Staff- General and Ongoing Enforcement Issues- The Agent noted continuing cooperation from those involved with violations.
 - b. Open Space Committee Liaison Report and Community Preservation Committee Report-None
3. **Minor Permits- BL 14-26, 25 Chestnut St.-** *for above ground pool >50 ft. from BVW-* Reviewed without comment.
4. **Other:** *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting.-* None

9:00 PM Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Woodward and Brierley it was voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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

Documents at Meeting:

6/18/14 Agenda

RDA application and plan dated 6/6/14 entitled Room Addition Plan, Derek Affsa, Homeowner

NOI application and plan dated 5/14/14 entitled Septic Design Plan, Gregory Morse, PE

NOI application and plan dated 1/24/14, Revised 6/6/14, Proposed Collision Center and Sales Facility, Gregory Morse, PE

Request for Amended OOC and plan dated 5/23/14 entitled The Village at Seven Springs, Village Planned Unit Development
@ Hanover, MA, Bradley C. McKenzie, PE

6/4/14 draft Minutes

Minor Activities Permit- 25 Chestnut St., Hanover MA