



**Town of Hanover Conservation Commission,
Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St., 2nd Floor Meeting Room
MINUTES for JUNE 19, 2013**

Approved 7/17/13

Those Members and Staff present: Lou Paradis, Chairman; Lisa Satterwhite, Vice Chairman;
Frank Brierley, Hearing Officer; William Woodward, Commissioner; Amy Walkey,
Conservation Agent; Sandra MacFarlane, DMI Administrative Asst.
Members and Staff not present: (vacant) Commissioner, (vacant) Associate Members (2)
Others: As per attached sign-in sheet.

6:30 PM

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER: Chairman Paradis opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

1. **Summer Schedule - next meetings: July 17, and August 14, 2013 @ 6:30 PM** in 2nd Flr. Meeting Room - Town Hall
2. **Vacancies on Commission-** 2 Associate positions, 1 full Member

II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Requests for Certificate of Compliance:

- a. **SE 31-1057, #73 Sunset Point-** Request based on "*all work completed*" - as per Applicant
VOTE: Upon a motion and second by Commissioners Satterwhite and Woodward, respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance.
- b. **SE 31-1036, #1775 Washington St., Dick's Sporting Goods-** Request based on "*all work completed*" - as per App.
VOTE: Upon a motion and second by Commissioners Satterwhite and Woodward, respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

7:00 PM

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **BL 13-41, #288 Whiting St.-** NOI- *for inground swimming pool in BZ to BVW*

PRESENT: Deborah Keller, PE, McKenzie Engineering Group, Inc., Applicant's Representative, Olsi and Julinda Xhemollari, Applicants

DISCUSSION: Ms. Keller presented a plan dated 5/29/13 showing the construction of a single family dwelling, attached garage, inground swimming pool with concrete patio surround, and associated landscaping. Ms. Keller explained that only a portion of the house foundation was proposed within the buffer to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) with the swimming pool, pool surround, and associated landscaping proposed up to the 35 ft. no-structure setback. She also noted the location of two (2) drywells for roof runoff and that there would be minimal grading for landscaping within the buffer. The Agent reported that the wetland line was acceptable, that the proposed location for erosion control materials provided good protection for the wetlands and that the pool location was also acceptable.

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

2. **BL 13-42, #120 Circuit St.-** RDA- *for wooden bridge on Denham Property and trail enhancements*

PRESENT: Harold Thomas, Co-Chairman Open Space Committee

DISCUSSION: Mr. Thomas gave a brief history of the parcel including the use of CPA funds for its purchase and presented plans showing location and a layout plan for a wooden foot bridge to enhance an existing trail in an area of BVW and streams. The Agent noted the environmental and passive recreation value of the site and reported on an owl observation during the site inspection. Mr. Thomas explained that due to the wet condition of the trail leading up to the bridge, an alternative route was proposed through a nearby wooded area. As per the recommendation of the Agent, the Commission approved the use of flat boardwalk up to the bridge on either side, to avoid cutting mature wetland and buffer vegetation for the alternative trail. Commissioner Brierley expressed concerns for the strength of materials used for the boardwalk, in consideration of the weight it must bear when used by a horse and rider. A brief discussion regarding equestrian safety issues along the trail resulted in the requirement of an upgraded boardwalk materials.

¹ DEP # has not been assigned by DEP as of agenda posting date.

VOTE: Based on the discussion above and upon a motion and second by Commissioners Woodward and Satterwhite, respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a Negative #2 Determination of Applicability.

3. **BL 13-43, Circuit, Pleasant, and Whiting St's Gas Line Project**- RDA- *for installation of new gas lines in roadway*

PRESENT: none

VOTE: Upon a motion and second by Commissioners Satterwhite and Woodward, respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing to July 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM as per the Applicant's request.

4. **BL 13-23, SE 31-1070, #34 Twin Fawn Dr.**- NOI- *for std, septic, pool, etc. in BZ to BVW- cont'd from 6/5/13 mtg.*

PRESENT: none

VOTE: Upon a motion and second by Commissioners Satterwhite and Woodward, respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing to July 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM as per the Applicant's request.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. **Minutes**- 5/15/13, and 6/5/13

VOTE: Upon a motion and second by Commissioners Satterwhite and Brierley, respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to approve both sets of minutes.

2. **Correspondence**- Reviewed without comment.

3. **Reports and Minor Permits:**

a. Conservation Staff- General and Enforcement issues

(i) **BL 13-26, #808 Circuit St.**- *EO update*- The Agent reported that the new Property Owner has agreed to take responsibility for any remaining restoration work on site and to resolve any outstanding issues left by the previous owner. Also that a meeting is planned with Merrill Associates, Inc. personnel to discuss procedures moving forward, including whether an After-the-Fact NOI is warranted or if the work could be done under a Restoration Order.

(ii) **SE 31-925A, #70 Elm St.- Tolman Rd.**- *review of wetland replication and rain garden status*
The Agent reported that the rain gardens will need further review to assure proper functioning. Chairman Paradis noted that he observed them functioning well during a recent rain storm. No action was taken, pending further observation of the area.

(iii) **Morrill Allen Phillips Wildlife Sanctuary**- *update in vandalism*
The Agent reported that several departments are reviewing possible resolutions to this situation, but that since the parcel is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, final approvals must be sought from their office as well. Also that resident Duke Magoun, who is currently working with the Open Space Committee regarding trails, has also volunteered time to look into this problem. The Staff reported that Scout Leader Dave Catron is still interested in a possible combined Eagle Scout-Cub Scout project for repair of the damage at this property. Ms. MacFarlane noted that Scouts from other Troops have visited the Conservation Office as well, and plan to view the site this week. Also that as a result of a second site inspection which included Mr. Magoun, current activity including more burning in and out of the fire pit was observed, as well as the collapse of a 4-5 ft. tall x 15 ft. long jump made with large caliber logs. The Agent noted that more follow up is required and that every effort would be made to coordinate with all relevant departments to resolve this situation.

b. Open Space Committee Liaison Report and Community Preservation Committee Report: none

c. Minor Permits/Event Cards Issued: Ms. MacFarlane reported that three (3) minor activities permits were issued from the Office for cleanup of storm damaged trees.

(i) **BL 13-44- #1 Saturn Dr.**- *for tree damage clean up due to storms*

(ii) **BL 13-45- #127 Walnut St.**- *for tree damage clean up due to storms*

(iii) **BL 13-46- #320 Mayflower Dr.**- *for tree damage clean up due to storms*

5. **Other**- none

8:15 PM

Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to adjourn.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Sandra MacFarlane, DMI Administrative Asst.