

# Town of Hanover Conservation Commission

Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St.,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

## MINUTES

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

Approved 12/16/15



Those Members and Staff Present: Chairman Lou Paradis, Vice Chair Lisa Satterwhite, Hearing Officer Frank Brierley, Commissioner Brian McLoone, Conservation Agent Amy Walkey, Ass't Conservation Agent Sandra MacFarlane

Those not present: Commissioner William Woodward, Associate Member Justin Shepard

Others: as per attached list

**6:45PM** Chair Paradis opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

### I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. Next Scheduled Meetings- December 16, 2015, & January 6, 2016 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr Mtg. Room @ 6:30 pm
2. Any person audio or videotaping this hearing must notify the Chairman at this time.

### II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Certificates of Compliance: **SE 31-1084, BL 13-81, 19 Phillips Ln.- Substation**  
VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and McLoone, respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

### **7:00 PM**

#### III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **BL 15-42, SE 31-1115, 1319 Hanover St.- ANRAD-** *for resource delineation only*

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Satterwhite and McLoone, it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing to December 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM as per the Applicant's request.

2. **BL 15-43, SE 31-1116, 191 Water St.- NOI-** *for temp. structure in BVW, fence expansion and 2<sup>nd</sup> temp. structure in BZ to BVW*

PRESENT: Elizabeth DeCelles, PE, TRC Environmental, Applicant's Representative; Dawn Travellini, Scott Nottingham, Andrew Hornby, National Grid Representatives.

DISCUSSION: Ms. DeCelles presented a plan dated 11/06/15 showing a proposed fence extension and location of a mobile substation within the buffer zone to two Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and the installation of two temporary structures (2 sets of 3 poles) within wetland series H-W1. She explained the installation of temporary lines and placement of a mobile substation will allow routine maintenance to substation equipment without causing a disruption to electrical services.

In regard to recommendations by the Commission's wetland consultant, Ms. Travellini stated all have been met or integrated into the project.

In regard to the Agent's recommendation for an independent Environmental Monitor for the project, Ms. Travellini, for the record, disagreed stating a third specialist was excessive. The Commission upheld the Agent's recommendation- the standard conditions relating to an Environmental Monitor will be part of the Order of Conditions for this project.

Referring to work schedules, Ms. DeCelles noted dependent upon weather conditions, the project is planned for February through April 2016.

Ms. DeCelles noted matting and erosion control materials are proposed to protect against wetland damage, soil erosion and sedimentation. She estimated the above materials would remain in place until the end of the project, approximately April 2016.

Upon the Chair's invitation to speak, abutters Brianne and Kevin Murphy, 141 Bardin St., and Joseph Cummings, 140 Bardin St., shared the following concerns:

- Mr. Murphy questioned the rights of National Grid to add "structures"/poles in wetlands within the easement on the Murphy's property. Ms. Travellini submitted copies of recorded easement documents referencing Mr. Murphy's parcel and read aloud the section regarding allowable work within the easement.
- Mr. Murphy submitted several photos showing an area that was clear cut. Ms. Travellini stated that the work was conducted under routine maintenance within the easement and was a separate project from the Substation work. The Commission noted concerns with work and noted that further review was necessary.
- Ms. Murphy voiced concerns for the above, as well as the elimination of the sound barrier and degradation of aesthetics in their yard due to clear cutting on their property. Ms. Travellini apologized for the sound barrier and sight barrier loss, but noted that the work was allowable "routine maintenance" within the easement.
- Mr. Cunningham stated appreciation of the Commission's requirement of an independent Environmental Monitor. He added that Spring conditions in the cleared area were observed by him to be a potential vernal pool.
- Conservation Agent Walkey noted a request was made to Natl Grid to stop all work in the area of the substation during this permitting process.
- Mr. Nottingham noted restoration would include low growing shrubs.
- Abutters also voiced concerns regarding the fence extension. Mr. Nottingham explained the necessity of the extension with a gravel surface in order to position the mobile substation and work on existing equipment. Also that the fence serves as additional security for the substation equipment.

Chairman Paradis recommended a continuance of the hearing to allow the Applicant time to resolve the above issues. Ms. Travellini and DeCelles reiterated the distinction of the two projects.

The Chair's recommendation to continue the public hearing was upheld by the Commission. Objection to the continuance by Ms. DeCelles and Ms. Travellini is duly noted as requested by Ms. Travellini.

A 12/3/15 meeting at the property is scheduled with John Duvall, National Grid Supervisor of the easement vegetation maintenance program, Mr. & Mrs. Murphy, and Conservation Agent Walkey to evaluate the reported off easement cutting.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners McLoone and Brierley, respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing to December 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

#### IV. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Agent's Report – The Agent reported a meeting was held to discuss recent complaints of illegal Hunting on public property off Plain Street. Interdepartmental cooperation, increased education, public awareness, and enforcement of the Hunting Policy were discussed. As a result, the Town website was revised with additional information on hunting, increased education of personnel was performed, and re-posting of No Hunting and Permitted Hunting areas. Note: the 2015 Archery season for deer ended November 29<sup>th</sup> – this is the only permitted hunting on public property restricted to the Summer Street and Clark Bog properties.
2. Minor Acts Permits- none

3. Minutes- 11/18/15

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners McLoone and Brierley respectively, it was voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes.

4. Correspondence- various.

5. Other: *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting- none.*

**8:05 PM**

Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners McLoone and Satterwhite respectively, it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Sandra D. MacFarlane, DMI Asst. Conservation Agent  
Conservation Office

Documents Provided at the meeting:

- 12/02/15 Agenda
- Request for Certificate of Compliance- 19 Phillips Ln.
- Request for Continuance- 1319 Hanover St. ANRAD
- NOI packet for 191 Water St.
- 1967 Grant of Easement- 5 pgs- Recorded Bk: 3375 Pg: 545
- Plan showing Russell Edward Sproul Guy Rights
- 07/11/03 Mass Electric Right-of-Way/Easement Plan
- December 2015 photographs @141 Bardin St.
- 07/01/13 Quitclaim Deed- 141 Bardin St.
- draft 11/18/15 minutes