

Town of Hanover Conservation Commission
Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St., 2nd Floor Meeting Room
MINUTES for FEBRUARY 4, 2015



Approved 3/04/15¹

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

Those Members 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. Next Meetings- February 18 and March 4, 2015 @ 6:30 PM in 2nd Flr. Mtg Room - Town Hall
2. Conservation Meetings will soon be videotaped. At that time, there will be an announcement on each agenda.
3. Blizzard 2015 Severe Storm Declarations- MA DEP

II. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Agent's Report- The Agent reported on the following topics:
 - Several cancellations of meetings and site inspections were due to recent weather conditions including the closing of Town Hall and cancellation of the DEP site inspection of the Hackett's Pond Trails Project.
 - Many areas in Town have snow plowed into wetland areas and beyond designated snow storage areas due to the overwhelming amount of snow fall.
 - A review of commercial properties required to install and maintain No-Salt Area signs is pending.
 - The retail complex at 359 Columbia Rd., including the former Building 19 store, has a pending sale. Stormwater management is a concern for this lot and the adjacent property, which is also undergoing retail changes.
 - The Squires Restaurant property has a pending application with Board of Health for a septic upgrade. A Conservation filing is pending.
 - The Agent reported that she will be attending a workshop regarding the State-wide mandate for Municipal Stormwater Management
 - The Asst. Conservation Agent reported that she attended a Winter Botany and Shrub Identification Workshop at the Framingham Garden in the Woods Facility.
 - The Staff explained that the cut off for the Conservation Agenda will now be Wednesday prior to the meeting, instead of Fridays due to some website and posting issues.
2. Minutes- **1/07/15**- VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Woodward, it was voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes.
3. Correspondence- reviewed without comment.
4. Other: *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting.*

7:00 PM

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

New Hearings-

1. **BL 15-01, SE 31-1100, #26 Union St.**- NOI- *for construction of std, and related appurtenances in buffer zone to BVW*

PRESENT: Gary James, PE, Keefe Associates, Inc., Applicant's Representative; Stephen Johnson, Applicant

DISCUSSION: Hearing Officer Brierley announced an abutter notification issue. The Agent noted heavy snowfall which affected review of the wetland line. Mr. Johnson requested going forward with the discussion at hand and agreed to a continuance due to the above issues. Mr. James explained the project as construction of a new house and associated site work, with proposed erosion control and limit of work at 60 ft from an on-site, Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW). Also that Board of Health approval was obtained for the septic system. The Agent pointed out that the wetland line delineated by Pinebrook Consulting, did not deviated from the original wetland line approved with the subdivision of the original lots. A brief discussion ensued regarding a date for continuance.

VOTE: Based on the discussion above and upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing to 3/4/15 at 7:00 PM with the understanding that if the defect in abutter notification and wetland line issues could not be resolved, the hearing would continue to an indefinite date- the latter will require re-notification of abutters.

2. **BL 15-02, rear #6, #7, #8 Sugar Maple Ave.** - RDA- *for re-grading of existing detention basin and const. of retaining wall*

PRESENT: John Damiano, Applicant; Paul Seaberg, PE, Grady Consulting, LLC, Applicant's Representative

¹ Note: The 2/18/15 Conservation Commission meeting was cancelled due to weather related issues.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Seaberg explained that the detention basin for a subdivision known as The Elms, required maintenance and construction work to bring it into compliance with the original subdivision Order of Conditions.

Also, that the basin was not constructed or maintained as per the approved permit and Operation and Maintenance Plan (O & M). He noted that initial assessment work in the basin included removal of all trees, woody shrubs, gardens improperly planted on the slopes, invasive plants, and review of basin construction. Mr. Damiano agreed to Commissioner Satterwhite's suggestion of educational signage at the basin. Mr. Kevin Concheri, 271 High St., Norwell, questioned piles of debris in wetlands at the entrance to the complex. The Agent will include this area during project inspections.

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

3. BL 15-03, SE 31-1101, #342 Circuit St.- NOI- for removal of pavement, reconfiguration of loading dock and const. of dumpster pad

PRESENT: Michael Count, PE, Merrill Corporation, Applicant's Representative.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Count explained that project as reconfiguration of a loading dock and repair parking lot areas, which results in a 51 sq. ft. decrease to impervious area and improved stormwater management. Further, that the installation of a concrete dumpster pad will result in additional protection to the wetlands. He noted that work within the no-disturbance setback will be conducted on previously disturbed area. The Agent noted concerns with a stormwater management report submitted during Planning Board review, noting that it did not consider the proposed work now under review. Also, that a complaint to the Conservation Office claimed an illicit discharge to wetlands coming from the rear building. With these and weather related issues regarding confirmation of the wetland lines, she recommended a continuance. A brief discussion ensued regarding a special condition for the permit requiring the use of New England wetland seed mix.

VOTE: Based on the discussion above and upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing to March 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM with submission of required items 1 week prior to the continued hearing.

Continued Hearings-

3. SE 31- 1099, BL 14-50, rear 405 Washington St.- Tack Factory Dam- NOI- for removal of dam- continued from 1/07/15 mtg.

PRESENT: Nick Wildman, MA Division of Ecological Restoration, Applicant's Representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wildman reported that the Norwell Conservation Commission closed the public hearing for this project with pending issuance of a permit. MA Fisheries and Wildlife letters dated 12/31/14 and 1/20/15 stating that the proposed project will not adversely affect the resource area habitat and exemption from MESA review, were reviewed by the Commission. A revised Sediment Management Plan and revised plans dated 1/14/15 were submitted. Mr. Wildman pointed out that the proposed 718 cubic yard sediment stockpile was eliminated from the plan. The Agent reported that a site inspection was conducted with Chair Paradis and noted that the permit will be issued under DEP's new Restoration Order of Conditions.

VOTE: Based on the discussion above and upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Woodward and Brierley, it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing. Upon a motion and second from Commissioners Woodward and Brierley, it was voted 4-0-0 to review special conditions for the Order at the 2/18/15 Conservation meeting.

4. SE 31- 1098, BL 14-46, #637 Washington St., Starland Exp. Phase II- NOI- for parking expansion- cont'd from 12/03/14 mtg.

PRESENT: none

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing to an indefinite date with additional notice to abutters.

7:53 PM

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

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

Documents provided for this meeting:

- 2/04/15 Agenda & 1/07/15 draft Minutes
- Blizzard 2015 Severe Storm Declarations- MA DEP
- Notice of Intent packet for 26 Union St.
- Request for Determination of Applicability application packet for Sugar Maple Ave.
- Notice of Intent packet for 342 Circuit St.
- Notice of Intent packet for 405 Washington St.- Tack Factory Dam
- Division of Fisheries and Wildlife 12/31/14 letter re: Tack Factory Dam removal project
- Division of Fisheries and Wildlife 1/20/15 letter re: exemption from MESA review
- Division of Ecological Restoration 1/16/15 letter re: revised plans and revised plan set dated 1/14/15
- Division of Ecological Restoration - Sediment Management Plan with revised date of 1/15/15
- Plymouth County Registry of Deeds 1/15/15 letter re: Hanover Office Hours- Q & A session 2/19/15
- DEP Wetland Awareness Poster and letter 12/2014
- DEP Notice of Site Inspection for Hackett's Pond Trail project 1/27/15