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Topic: Hanover Conservation Commission Date/Time: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 06:00 PM Eastern Time

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Hanover Conservation Commission Meeting MINUTES October 25, 2023

Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St.
2nd Floor Meeting Room and **via Zoom as per instruction above.**
Approved 11/29/23

6:00 PM

A Roll Call of Members resulted in the following Members present: Chairman Brian McLoone, Hearing Officer Robert Sennett, Member James Vaille, Associate Member David Sawin.

Those Members not present: Vice Chair Lisa Satterwhite, Member Mahendra Patel, Associate Member Otis (Duke) Magoun.

I. **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chair McLoone made the following announcements:

1. This meeting is being recorded and has remote participation.
2. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6 PM¹

II. **PRESENTATION:** Eagle Scout Kian Puleio- *for trail project at Denham Conservation Parcel, off Circuit St.*

Scout Puleio explained that his Eagle Scout project included the maintenance and enhancement of the hiking trail located on the Denham Pond Conservation Property and the construction and installation of an elevated walkway along the trail that has areas of non-vegetated land subject to flooding. He noted that included in the project was the removal of invasive vegetation and that which has overgrown into the trail, the removal of storm-damaged trees felled across the path, and a general cleanup of the site. In response to questions from the Commission Members, he noted that the walkway will be secured to the ground, and that the materials will be brought to the site for assembly. Chair McLoone thanked Scout Puleio for his proposal, noting that the community will benefit from his efforts.

6:15 PM

III. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. **676 Circuit St., SE 31-____², COOC-23-15**, NOI- *for pool house & retaining walls in BZ & RFA.*

PRESENT: Brad Holmes, PWS, ECR, LLC, Applicant's Representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. Holmes presented a plan dated 9/06/23 and explained that this 1700's home and accessory structures were built within the inner riparian to the Drinkwater River. He added that this riverfront area redevelopment project meets the Wetlands Protection Act requirement of mitigation for this type of work and that he was requesting the Commission to allow mitigation to include 640 sf of riverfront area restoration and invasives removal near the bank of the river. To do so, he noted that the existing barn-type structure (damaged by a past fire) was to be demolished for the building of a pool house. The existing pool, patio, landscaping within riverfront area is historic, pre-dating the River's Protection Act. He also noted that historic stone blocks would be left on site and used for the retaining walls. Although slightly closer to the stream, he added that the new structure is proposed on the same foundation of the original except for the

¹ Commission's 2023 Annual Schedule:

January 25	January 30	February 22	March 29	April 26	May 31-cancelled	June 7	June 28
July 26	August 30	September 27	October 25	November 29	December 27		

² DEP File # not issued as of Agenda posting.

front wall, which adds 2 ft. to the depth of the building. The mitigation proposed for cleanup and enhancement of the remaining riverfront area, drywells for recharge to ground water, meets WPA and Bylaw requirements. The Conservation Agent noted that the current owners were also responsible for an Enforcement Order on the property left open by the previous owners due to legal and personal issues. She noted that full cooperation to rectify the matter was offered by the applicants prior to the meeting. The EO included the removal of a collapsed wooden work shop w/I inner riparian, restoration of bank and riverfront area, as well as restoration of a small area rear of the house adjacent to and on a public trail.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions as follows: BM-aye, JV-aye, RS-aye.

2. 26 Honeysuckle Ln., SE 31-1279, COOC-23-16, NOI- *for inground pool & pavilion in BZ to BVW*

PRESENT: none

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to continue the hearing as per the applicant's request to November 29, 2023 meeting at 6:15 PM, as follows: BM-aye, JV-aye, RS-aye.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Extension Permit Request

a. **0 King St., Fireworks Site, SE 31-1163-** *for 3-years*

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to issue a 3-year extension as follows: BM-aye, JV-aye, RS-aye.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE: Reviewed with minimal comment.

1. Administrative (Minor Acts) Permits/Events/Other:

a. CDMA-23-9, 38 Old Shipyard Ln.- *for septic upgrade +154' from No. River, +100 from BVW*

b. CDMA-23-10, 65 Frank's Ln.- *for test pits 60' ft. from BVW*

c. CMA-23-9, Luddam's Ford Dam- *for repairs to fish ladder*

d. CHPD-23-18, *for add'l training event at HPD Firing Range in October*

e. CSI-23- 44 & 45, *for site inspections based on general inquiries on River Rd. & Old Shipyard Ln.*

2. Minutes- 9/27/23 Meeting

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to approve the minutes as follows: BM-aye, JV-aye, RS-aye.

3. Agent's Report- Reviewed with minimal comment.

4. Other - *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting-* None

6:52 PM

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to adjourn the meeting as follows: BM-aye, JV-aye, RS-aye.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Conservation Agent Sandra MacFarlane, CDMI

Documents provided at Meeting:

- 10/25/23 Agenda
- Scout Presentation docs
- NOI application packet for 676 Circuit St.
- NOI application packet for 26 Honeysuckle Ln.
- Ext. request packet for Fireworks Site
- Admin items as listed in Section V.1.a. – e.
- 9/27/23 draft Minutes
- 10/25/23 Agent's Report