

Town of Hanover Conservation Commission

MINUTES for MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020

APPROVED 1/27/21



Those Members Present: Vice Chairman Lisa Satterwhite, Hearing Officer Robert Sennett, Conservation Commission Member Mahendra Patel, Associate Member Steve Louko, Conservation Agent Sandra MacFarlane

Those not Present: Chairman Brian McLoone, Member James Vaille, Associate Member Duke Magoun

Others Present: Remote Meeting Host Stephen Ryerson

5:00 PM

Vice Chairman Satterwhite stepped in as Chair for the evening and made the following announcements:

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town Hall remains open for employees and appointments with the public. All Conservation applications are due via email to address below¹ with hard copies and checks sent to the attention of the Conservation Agent, Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St., Hanover MA 02339.
2. Next meeting- Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

5:15 PM

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **BL 20-64, SE 31-1215, 110 Industrial Way-** NOI- *continued from 10/28/20 meeting- for redevelopment project in RFA to Drinkwater River for establishment of professional landscaping company*

PRESENT: Cameron Larson, PE, ECR, Inc., applicant's representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. Larson explained that the Planning Board review is ongoing and that the stormwater design is being revised as per review by CEI, Inc., the Planning Board and Conservation Commission's engineering consultant. The Agent noted additional cleanup by the applicant, including removal of invasive vegetation and several abandoned vehicles from within the inner riparian zone, as required by the Commission. It was noted that the property owner still has much debris and other abandoned vehicles to remove from the site. Also that the result of a recent site inspection by the Conservation Agent and a professional UXO (unexpended ordinance) expert resulted in revising the plan to retain the concrete structure on site, even though it is within the inner riparian. Historically, this now empty building was used for storage of munitions manufactured at the adjacent site known as the National Fireworks Site. The structural attributes of the building make removal difficult and would cause more damage to the river and bank than if left in place. Mr. Larson requested a continuance due to the on-going Planning Board review.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel it was voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing to December 30, 2020 at 5:15 pm.

2. **BL 20-106, SE 31-1223, 15 Forest St.-** NOI- *for inground swimming pool in BZ to BVW*

PRESENT: Craig Cygawnoski, PE, RIM Engineering, applicant's representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cygawnoski presented a plan dated 10/23/20 showing the installation of an inground swimming pool proposed at 38 ft. from an on-site bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) with installation of a fence, 4 conservation setback markers, erosion control materials and limit of work proposed at 25 ft. from the BVW. It was noted by the Conservation Agent that currently the 25 ft. setback was historically mowed and had additional minor alterations that did not impact the adjacent wetland.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel it was voted 3-0-0 to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with 2 special conditions including:

- a prohibition on mowing within the 25 ft. setback to the BVW
- allowance for removal of invasive species in BVW and buffer using MA DEP Guidelines.

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3. **BL 20-108, SE 31-12__², 10 Shoe Cottage Ln.-** RDA- *for inground swimming pool in BZ to BVW*

PRESENT: Timothy Bennett, PE, Grady Consulting, LLC, applicant's representative

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bennett presented a plan dated 11/9/20 showing the installation of an inground swimming pool proposed at 75 ft. from an off-site bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) with associated fence, utilities, drywell, and patio surround, proposed greater than 50 ft. from the BVW. He pointed out that erosion control materials, conservation setback markers, a concrete retaining wall, and new landscaping were proposed at 40 ft. from the BVW. It was agreed that the retaining was added protection for the wetland. Mr. Bennett noted that the landscaping contained native New England buffer plantings. The Conservation Agent confirmed the wetland boundary and the location of the erosion control was adequate for its purpose.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel it was voted 3-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability.

4. **BL 20-107, SE 31-1224, 476 Webster St.-** NOI- *for add'l parking area and stormwater management*

PRESENT: Ms. Susan Spratt, PE, McKenzie Engineering Group, Inc., applicant's representative

DISCUSSION: Ms. Spratt presented a plan dated 11/2/20 showing the installation of additional parking area (24 new parking spaces), stormwater management improvements, with erosion control materials and limit of work proposed at 25 ft. from a bordering vegetated wetland (BVW). The Commission reviewed an 8/11/20 report prepared by Environmental Consulting and Restoration, LLC which confirmed location and other specifications of the BVW. A brief discussion ensued regarding the culvert and elevations to the BVW. The Agent noted that the subject BVW was hydrologically connected to the wetland across the street via the culvert and other underground channels. The Commission required revisions to the plan to include fencing and other means to decrease wind-blown debris and similar, to the BVW.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel, it was voted 3-0-0 to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with special conditions:

- submission of a revised plan
- installation of a fence at top of slope behind the new parking spaces
- placement of a trash can at the new parking spaces
- installation of snow plowing and storage signage
- conservation setback markers

III. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Minutes- 10/28/20- Upon a motion and second- made by Members Sennett and Patel, it was voted 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

2. Agent's Report- updates, Minor Activities Permits/Events: Reviewed without comment.

- a. Fireworks Site- Tetra Tech's 6/18/20 *Immediate Response Plan Modification 4* received conditional approval in DEP's 11/18/20 IDE-document which issued a deadline of January 15, 2021 to submit additional information regarding the Work Plan for the Marsh Upland Sediment Area.
- b. Hanover Crossing- work continues on subsurface stormwater components, underground utility installation, and general infrastructure work with all in compliance with the OOC.
- c. Peterson Pond Dam- this project has been completed, the dam is down and the channel is flowing.
- d. Cumberland Farms- adjustments to the stone access way were made as per the Agent and Building Inspector to avoid further sedimentation into the roadway and public drainage system, all other work continues in compliance with the OOC.
- e. 965 Washington St.- the existing violations and restoration work on this site are being addressed by the owner with the aid of Environmental Restoration and Consulting and Greensmith Farms.
- f. Conservation Parcels Overview-
 - i. the boardwalk has been repaired at the Colby Phillips Parcel off Circuit St
 - ii. Wildlands Trust of SE MA has successfully purchased the parcel adjacent to #167 Washington St. With cooperation from the town, a stewardship/public trails program is pending and it is anticipated that Wildlands Trust will be requesting Annual Town Meeting to approve an approximate amount of \$250,000 from CPC funds to fund that program.

g. BL 20-109- Minor Acts Permit- 104 Meadowbrook- *for addition +90 ft. from IVW*

² DEP File Number not issued prior to Agenda posting.

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- h. BL 20-105- Well Permit review for BOH- 31 Setterland Farm Rd.- *for well- +80 ft. from BVW*
- i. BL 20-104- Well Permit review for BOH- 83 Setterland Farm Rd.- *for well- +80 ft. from FEMA FZ*
- j. BL 20-103- Well Permit review for BOH- 1456 Hanover St.- *for well- +85 ft. from BVW*
- k. BL 20-102- Preliminary design review- 965 Washington St.- *for farmers market and gardens*
- l. BL 20-101- Minor Acts Permit- 89 Lally Farm Dr.- *for garage +90 ft. from BVW*
- m. BL 20-100- Enforcement/Restoration Order- 904 Broadway- *for wetland fill with restoration required*

3. Other - *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting*

- a. Request for Certificate of Compliance: BL 19-119- SE 31-1203, 254 Dillingham Way- *septic work in compliance/ pool was withdrawn*

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel, it was voted 3-0-0 to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

- b. Request for Certificate of Compliance: BL 20-105- SE 31-1202, 46 Nash Landing- *based on all work completed*

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel, it was voted 3-0-0 to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

5:50 PM- Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel, it was voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Sandra MacFarlane, Conservation Agent
Community Dev. and Municipal Inspections, Conservation Office

Documents Provided at meeting:

- NOI application packet for 110 Industrial Way
- NOI application packet for 15 Forest St.
- RDA application packet for 10 Shoe Cottage Ln.
- NOI application packet for 476 Webster St.
- 10/28/20 draft Minutes
- 11/30/20 Agent's Report
- Minor Acts and Event Permits as listed in III.2.g. – m.
- Request for COC for 254 Dillingham Way
- Request for COC for 46 Nash Landing