

Hanover Conservation Commission

Meeting MINUTES

January 3, 2024¹

Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St.

2nd Floor Meeting Room and via Zoom as per instruction above.

Approved 1/31/24

4:15 PM

A roll call resulted in the following members being present:

Lisa Satterwhite- Vice Chair (stepped in as Chair for this meeting), Robert Sennett- Hearing Officer, James Vaille, and Mahendra Patel (arrived at 4:35 pm)

Chair Satterwhite called the meeting to order and made the following announcements:

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. This meeting is being recorded and has remote participation.
2. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6 PM

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **#38 Old Shipyard Ln.- SE 31-_____², COOC-23-21**, NOI-
for demo and reconstruction of house, garage, expand driveway, landscaping in RFA to North River

PRESENT: Joseph (Jed) Hannon, PE, Atlantic Coast Engineering, Applicant's Representative and Michael Smith, Applicant and Property Owner.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hannon presented a plan dated 11/28/23 showing existing conditions on this site located adjacent to the North River. Also, a plan dated 11/28/23 detailing the proposed demolition of a single family dwelling with attached garage, reconfigured driveway, the installation of a 110 ft. ramp, pier, and dock, as well as general landscaping and associated site work. Erosion control type (mulch tube) and location were discussed as the work is in close proximity to the North River in regard to removal of large felled tree, invasive vegetation removal and restoration of inner riparian zone. It was noted that many of the plants on site were of original riverfront and buffer zone species and not newer hybridized species, so the owner agreed to added precautions to protect these as well as the very large Bald Cypress located at the river's edge. The Commission reviewed the Wetland Delineation Memo and Riverfront Area Analysis Memo provided by Brad Holmes, PWS, Environmental Consulting and Restoration, LLC, the Applicant's wetland consultant. It was pointed out that the net decrease in degraded riverfront area was 346 sf. It was pointed out that the proposed deck was cantilevered over the rear yard, thus eliminating subsurface supports within inner riparian. Comments from DEP were reviewed and result in a special condition for no further work in the mitigated riverfront area.

4:35 PM- Member Patel arrived.

Additional special conditions included submission of application for and permit received for a Chapter 91 permit for the pier, ramp and dock, as well as the North River Commission permit for said work. Mr. Smith pointed out that partial footings for the original deck are visible from the 2nd floor windows. Further that no heavy or motorized equipment shall be used rear of the house, including the crane to remove the felled tree and for demo work, the existing trench requires immediate covering for safety reasons, and orange fencing is to be installed at the estimated edge of the Bald Cypress root system for additional protection.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to close the hearing as follows: LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye, MP-aye.

¹ This meeting was called due to the cancellation of the 12/13/23 meeting at which the 2110 Washington St. hearing was to be heard. However, the applicant chose to reschedule the hearing to the 1/30/24 meeting in order to meet DEP requirements and revise the plan.

² MA DEP File # not issued prior to Agenda.

Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to issue an Order of Conditions with special conditions as stated and as follows: LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye, MP-aye.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Certificates of Compliance

a. **SE 31-280, BL 93-20, Lot 11 (#30) Mill Brook Way**

Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance as follows: LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye, MP-aye

b. **SE 31-360, BL 89-49, #30 Mill Brook Way**

Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance as follows: LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye, MP-aye

c. **SE 31-1244, COOC-21-16, #50 Herring Brook Way**

Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Patel, it was voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance as follows: LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye, MP-aye

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

