
Hanover Conservation Commission

Meeting MINUTES FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St.

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

Approved 4/24/24



6:00 PM

A roll call of members resulted in the following Members present:

Brian McLoone, Chairman; Lisa Satterwhite, Vice Chairman; Robert Sennett, Hearing Officer; Member James Vaille and Associate Member George Joukov.

Members not present: Mahendra Patel and David Sawin, Associate Member

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman McLoone welcomed all present and made the following announcements:

1. This meeting is recorded and has remote participation.
2. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6 PM¹

II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Event Permit

a. Luddam's Ford Park- Award Ceremony- *for use of alcohol on Conservation Parcel*

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted 4-0-0 to allow alcohol on the premises for the Great River Race Award Ceremony contingent upon the issuance of a One-Day Liquor License issued by the Town Manager, as follows: BM-aye, LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye.

2. Enforcement Order Updates

a. 0 Old Bridge Rd., CEO-24-1- *for EO ratification and safety issue update*

The Agent reported that the safety issues listed in the Enforcement Order and Emergency Certificate have been resolved on this site.

b. 580 Webster St., CEO-23-1- *for EO update*

The Agent reported that the MA Chapter 91 permit for the dock has been submitted to the State by Goddard Consulting as required and that the funds due Steve Ivas, PWS have been paid by the Applicant in full.

c. 965 Washington St., CEO-18-14- *for EO update*

The Agent reported that the necessary buffer restoration rear of the building has been completed satisfactorily for the former owner/violator Mr. Logrippo, by Kevin Smith of Greensmith Farms. Funds due Mr. Smith have been paid from the applicant's escrow account.

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Member James Vaille recused himself from the following hearing due to ownership of the property.

Chairman McLoone recused himself from the following hearing due to status as an abutter.

Vice Chairman stepped in as Chairman for this hearing.

Associate Member George Joukov stepped in as Member to complete a quorum of the Commission.

¹ Commission's **2024** Annual Schedule: (**Dec. mtg rescheduled due to Holiday**. Dates may be subject to change.).

January 31, 2024	February 28	March 27	April 24	May 29	June 26
July 31	August 28	September 25	October 30	November 27	December 18

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III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **1518 Hanover St., SE 31-1276, COOC-23-12-** *for septic system upgrade in BZ to BVW, continued from the January 31, 2024 hearing.*

PRESENT: William Barrett, Hanover Asst. Health Agent, Applicant's Representative, James Vaille, Applicant/Property Owner, (Engineering Representative from Webby Engineering could not make this meeting).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Vaille explained that his engineer was not available for the meeting and that the Asst. Health Agent William Barrett would be presenting the plan, as he was familiar with the project and new type of system. Mr. Barrett presented a revised plan dated 2/7/24 showing a septic upgrade within the buffer zones to a bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) and an isolated vegetated wetland (IVW/PVP). He explained that the design of the system included the use of a geo-matrix system, that the GeoMat™ Leaching System, is designed to be a low profile system for maximum treatment and infiltration of wastewater into the soil while allowing a smaller footprint for the leaching field (SAS). The Agent added that the hearing was continued at the 1/31/24 Conservation Commission meeting due to the required relocation of the initially proposed (SAS) due to its close proximity to the IVW. Further that the revised plan shows not only a more efficient system, but that the SAS was relocated further than required from the IVW on the revised plan. A brief discussion ensued regarding the functioning of the GeoMat design. The Commission thanked Mr. Barrett for stepping in at the last minute for Mr. Vaille's engineer, who could not make tonight's meeting.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Satterwhite, it was voted 3-0-0 to close the hearing as follows: LS-aye, RS-aye, GJ-aye.

Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Joukov, it was voted 3-0-0 to issue an Order of Conditions as follows: LS-aye, RS-aye, GJ-aye.

Member Vaille returned to the meeting.

Member George Joukov stepped back as Associated Member.

Member Satterwhite stepped down as Chair and Member McLoone returned to the meeting as Chairman.

2. **0 Old Bridge Rd., SE 31-1288, COOC-24-1-** *for driveway in BZ to BVW, cont'd from 1/31/24 hearing.*

PRESENT: Paul Louderback, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, Applicant's Representative, Ralph DiMattio, Applicant and Property Owner.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Louderback presented a plan dated 1/15/24 showing the relocation of an unpermitted wooden deck, filling-in of deep trenches around the barn, buffer zone restoration and the construction of a gravel semi-circular driveway with cobblestone entrances. He noted that at the last meeting the Commission required that all safety issues be resolved prior to this meeting. The Agent explained that an Emergency Certificate issued jointly by the Commission and the Building Dept. had been issued to the applicant to allow immediate action to resolve the safety issues on site (*all of which was done by the previous owner*) which were now completed; that the majority of the Enforcement Order issues were resolved (deck has been relocated +35 ft. from BVW, piles of debris, trailer with boat, storage trailer and other items within the inner buffer to BVW have been removed), and that emails with photo documentation sent from the applicant and site inspections by the Agent and Commission Members confirmed that the work was satisfactorily completed in a timely manner. The Commission thanked Mr. DiMattia for his rapid resolution to the safety issues and for beginning the cleanup efforts. The Chair noted that at the last hearing, concerns for the length of the driveway were noted by the Agent. The Agent reported that due to additional mitigation measures agreed upon during the site cleanup, the driveway design was acceptable.

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VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille, it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing as follows: BM-aye, LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye. Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Satterwhite, it was voted 4-0-0 to issue an Order of Conditions with specials as noted as follows: BM-aye, LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Agent's Report- *Minor Acts permits pending, issued, & other:* Reviewed with minimal comments.
 - a. CMA-24-2, 0 Hanover + Plain St's.- *for septic related test pit borings in BZ to BVW*
 - b. CMA-24-3, 163 River Rd.- *for SAS installation +85 ft. from BVW*
 - c. CMA-24-4, 58 Old Washington St.- *for removal of hazardous trees.*
 - d. CDMA-24-2, 0 Hanover + Plain St's.- *for septic system upgrade +70 ft. from BVW*
 - e. CDMA-24-1, 65 Franks Ln.- *for septic system upgrade +70 ft. from BVW*
 - f. CDMA-24-3, 0 King St. rear, Fireworks Site- *pending for removal of wooden bridge*
 - g. CHPD-24-2, Clarke Bog Parcel- HPD Firing Range- *for training event on 2/20/24*
 - h. CHPD-24-3, Clarke Bog Parcel- HPD Firing Range- *for HPD Training Annual Schedule 2024*
 - i. CSI-24-2 & 3- *for site inspections not related to applications on North St. and Washington St.*
 - j. Correspondence & General Updates
2. 1/31/24 Minutes- VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille it was voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes as follows: BM-aye, LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye.
3. Other - *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting* - NONE

During the Agent's Report, links, as listed below were noted to be available to the public for information on the Fireworks Site.

NOTE: EPA/DEP update for National Fireworks Site: 1/11/24 National Fireworks Site Update from EPA & DEP- *available by using the following link:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNEDf6jdNFk> & *to view the EPA National Fireworks Site Fact Sheet go to:* <https://www.hanover-ma.gov/former-national-fireworks-site/pages/public-meeting-documents-and-media>

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VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Satterwhite it was voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting as follows: BM-aye, LS-aye, RS-aye, JV-aye.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Conservation Agent MacFarlane, CDMI

Documents provided at Meeting:

- 2/28/24 Agenda
- EO file for 0 Old Bridge Rd.
- EO file for 580 Webster St.
- EO file for 965 Washington St.
- NOI application packet for 1518 Hanover St.
- NOI application packet for 0 Old Bridge Rd.
- General files for items as per Section IV.1.a. – i.
- General correspondence: DEP Notification for 303 & 309 Columbia Rd., FWS Newsletter, Dams Report.
- 1/31/24 draft Minutes