

Hanover Conservation Commission

MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2022

Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St.,
2nd Floor Meeting Room and via Zoom as per instruction above.
Approved 8/31/22¹



6:00 PM

Roll Call- Lisa Satterwhite, V. Chairman- present; Robert Sennett, Hearing Officer- present; James Vaille, Member- present; Mahendra Patel- present; David Sawin, Assoc. Member- present
Those Members not present: Brian McLoone, Chairman; Duke (Otis) Magoun, Assoc. Member
Staff present: Sandra MacFarlane, Conservation Agent; Meeting Host- Stephen Ryerson, Dir. of Communications.

Vice Chair Lisa Satterwhite stepped in as Chairman.

Acting Chairman Satterwhite opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. This meeting is being recorded and has Zoom participation.
2. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 6 PM

II. PRESENTATION: Eagle Scout Candidate Maxwell Cunniff- *for trail enhancement and boardwalk project at the Melzar Hatch Reservation*

Scout Cunniff gave a presentation to the Commission regarding his Eagle Scout bridge replacement and trail enhancement project. He explained that the trail rear of the Middle School (rear 45 Whiting St.) is part of a Conservation parcel known as the Melzar Hatch Reservation. This is one of the larger Conservation parcels in the town with many trail sections running through it. Due to varying elevations and conditions throughout the site, several areas require maintenance and would be helped by the installation of boardwalks and bridges. Scout Cunniff provided plans showing the location of the structures he plans to build and the construction materials and methods that he will be using. He noted that the existing boardwalk was made of old telephone poles with damaged boards on top. Further that it was not functioning properly. He noted that due to the lack of proper elevation, it was causing a buildup of logs and other water-borne debris to impede the flow of the stream. Also, that it did not have a proper entrance or exit, which had recently caused an accident for a trail hiker. A brief discussion ensued regarding timing and schedules. The Conservation Agent noted that the project is such that an Administrative Permit for minor activities can be issued from the Conservation Office. There was no objection to issuance of the Admin. permit².

Member Vaille reported on a site inspection conducted with the Conservation Agent, noting that they observed the obstructions, damage, and slippery condition of the existing crossing.

The Commission thanked Scout Cunniff for his project and noted that it will be a valuable contribution to the Town.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Certificates of Compliance

- a. SE 31-1245, 119 Plain St.
- b. SE 31-1238, 22 Dillingham Way

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Patel and Sennett it was voted as listed to issue a Certificate of Compliance for SE 31-1245- J. Vaille- aye; R. Sennett- aye; M. Patel- aye; L. Satterwhite- aye.

Upon a motion and second made by Members Patel and Vaille it was voted as listed to issue a Certificate of Compliance for SE 31-1238- J. Vaille- aye; R. Sennett- aye; M. Patel- aye; L. Satterwhite- aye.

¹ The Commission's meeting in July was cancelled.

² A Request for Minor Acts Permit application was submitted with issuance of permit CMA-22-7 on 7/20/22.

6:15 PM

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **CDOA-22-3, Mass Electric easements** within 353 Circuit St., 56 Alden Rd., 140 Union St., 208 Myrtle St., Plain St. rear, & 65 Franks Ln.- RDA- *for installation of underground wires*

PRESENT: Jennifer Bonta, Env'l Scientist, TRC, Applicant's Representative

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bonta presented a plan showing six (6) areas along the electric service lines that required upgrading. She explained that the work included the installation of small underground wires (counterpoise) at Structures 6 and 24 along the H1 transmission line and Structure 95 along the S9 transmission line. Further that the process of trenching the wires would not result in any permanent impacts to wetlands or associated buffer zones, no trees would be cut, and that the trench would be immediately backfilled. She noted that a small excavator would be used and the trench would be 2' wide and 3' deep for an approximately 150' maximum length. For protection of resource areas and buffer, wetland matting would be installed. It was agreed that the matting was such that no permanent damage would result from its use. The Commission allowed the use of straw wattles for erosion control in several areas. Ms. Bonta assured all that the work areas would be restore to pre-construction condition.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Patel and Sennett it was voted as listed to close the hearing and issue a Negative #2 and #3 Determination of Applicability.

J. Vaille- aye; R. Sennett- aye; M. Patel- aye; L. Satterwhite- aye.

2. **COOC-22-6, SE 31-1253, 106 Laurie Ln.-** NOI- *for replacement of inground pool and patio in BZ to BVW- See applicant's request to continue hearing to July 27, 2022.*

PRESENT: none

DISCUSSION: none

EXPLANATION: Conservation Agent MacFarlane explained that after receiving a request to continue the hearing to the Commission's July 27 meeting, due to major changes in the applicant's circumstances, the project was no longer necessary and the applicant subsequently requested a withdrawal of the Notice of Intent.

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Sennett it was voted as listed to accept the withdrawal of the Notice of Intent without prejudice.

J. Vaille- aye; R. Sennett- aye; M. Patel- aye; L. Satterwhite- aye.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Permits/Events/Other issued from Conservation Office: Reviewed without comment.

a. CDMA-22-5, Determination of Applicability MA- 317 Broadway- *for septic system replacement +85 ft. from BVW*

b. CHPD-22-10 thru 11, HPD Scheduled Event Permit- *for use of Hanover Police Firing Range for May & June*

Minutes- 5/25/22 VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Members Sennett and Vaille it was voted as listed to approve the minutes. J. Vaille- aye; R. Sennett- aye; M. Patel- aye; L. Satterwhite- aye.

2. Agent's Report- Reviewed without comment.

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

7:17 PM- Upon a motion and second made by Members Vaille and Patel it was voted as listed to adjourn the meeting. J. Vaille- aye; R. Sennett- aye; M. Patel- aye; L. Satterwhite- aye.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Sandra MacFarlane, Conservation Agent, CDMI

Documents Provided at Meeting:

- 6/29/22 Agenda
- Request for Certificate of Compliance for 119 Plain St.
- Request for Certificate of Compliance for 22 Dillingham Way
- RDA packet for Mass Electric
- Request for Withdrawal for 106 Laurie Ln.
- draft 5/25/22 Minutes