



## **Town of Hudson**

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749  
(978) 562-2948

#### **Meeting Minutes** **October 4, 2023**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair James Martin**

**Roll Call: James Martin, Heidi Graf, Brandon Parker, Debbi Edelstein, Paul Osborne, Brooke Warrington, Jacob Millette**

**Staff: Pam Helinek, Conservation Agent**

#### **Public Hearings**

##### **Brigham Street, continued ANRAD, #190-06xx**

James Martin moved to continue the hearing to October 19, 2023 at 7:00PM, second by Heidi Graf, vote 7-0-0

##### **Coolidge Street, continued NOI #190-0683**

James Martin moved to continue the hearing to November 2, 2023 at 7:00PM, second by Brooke Warrington, vote 7-0-0

##### **Lot 3 Washington Street, NOI, 190-0686**

James Martin moved to continue the hearing to October 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM, second by Brooke Warrington, vote 7-0-0

##### **136 Main Street, RDA #587**

**Present: Manual Santos (property owner); Russell Tedford (Hancock Associates)**

##### **Documents:**

- Permit Site Plan: 136 Main Street, Hudson, MA; prepared by Hancock Associates; dated 9/7/23; revised 9/29/23; signed and stamped by Joseph D. Peznola PE#38117; scale 1"-20'

The applicant has submitted revised plans with flood plain calculations and flood vents added. James Martin moved to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, second by Heidi Graf, vote 6-0-1. Conditions: Erosion control to be inspected by the Conservation Agent before work begins, Conservation Agent to inspect after cuts have been made, native vegetation to be used in landscaping.

#### **Administrative Business**

**Minor Plan Change Request – 23 Lakeshore Drive, 190-0651**

**Present: Roberto DaCosta**

The applicant would like to embed two rows of bricks in the dirt driveway at the back of his property to act as treads for truck tires. The rows will be 4 feet in width and the all work will be done by hand. Brandon Parker expressed concern that additional traffic on the dirt road behind the house will cause erosion into the wetlands. James Martin said that the intent of the driveway was for construction access and intended to be temporary. He requested that native grass or seed mix be planted in the remainder of the driveway including between and around the bricks. James Martin moved to approve the Plan Change with the grass or seed mix planting as a condition, vote 7-0-0.

### **Invasive Vegetation Control at Danforth Conservation Land**

#### **Present: Alexi Dart-Padover, Patrick Thayer**

Alexi Dart-Padover of Parterre Ecological Services has treated the knotweed near the entrance of Danforth Conservation Land and proposes additional work to cut off the spread of invasives at the end of the railroad bed. He said there is a lot of healthy native growth in this area and it should fill in naturally without additional planting. He has submitted a proposal for \$5580.

James Martin asked about additional invasive removal on the easterly portion of the property in addition to the knotweed treatment. Alexi Dart-Padover said this would be a huge undertaking. Patrick Thayer expressed concern that invasive growth of barberry near Danforth Brook could result in seed spread downstream. Alexi Dart-Padover said that the barberry was fairly distant from the brook and that the closest invasive growth to the brook is knotweed. Brandon Parker suggested that a volunteer workday under Alexi's supervision could be a less expensive way to remove a lot of invasives and also plant native vegetation in the area. Brooke Warrington noted that additional volunteers could be found through the SuAsCo Cisma that the Commission recently joined. Debbi Edelstein requested a planting list in advance so that she could collect seeds and start growing plugs. Alexi Dart-Padover said that herbicide was best applied in the fall but a volunteer pulling day could be any time of the year.

James Martin moved to approve Parterre's proposal for invasive management at Danforth, second by Debbi Edelstein, vote 7-0-0. James Martin requested another proposal for follow up work and for managing a volunteer day. Debbi Edelstein requested a plant list as soon as possible.

**Tree removal at 303 Brigham Street** – The Commission agreed that the applicant could be granted administrative permission to remove the trees at the back of the property that are leaning across the yard towards the house, but not the pines that the applicant has asked to remove. The pines appear to be healthy and do not appear to be posing a hazard. The applicant will be required to plant mitigation trees or shrubs as per the Tree Cutting Near Wetlands Policy.

**Minutes September 21, 2023** – James Martin moved to approve the minutes from September 21, 2023. Second by Heidi Graf, vote 6-0-1.

### **Adjournment**

James Martin moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Brandon Parker, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.