

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – August 19, 2019
Southampton Town Hall – First Floor Meeting Room

Present: Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Joy Piper (arrived 6:06), Tony Zaharias, Charlotte Axthelm, Brittany Taylor (arrived 6:17)

Absent: None

Public Present: Chris Fowles, Select Board
Cheryl Fletcher, 22 Gunn Rd
Janet Brown, 14 High St
Glenn West, 28 Katelyn Way
Robert Fletcher, 22 Gunn Rd
Barbara LaFlam, 20 Cook Rd

6:02 Meeting called to order

6:02 Open Time to the Public

Glenn West asked if he could remove two dead trees on the bank to the Manhan River at the Lyman Sheet Metal property. The trees had been noted in the Lyman Pond dam removal project. The stumps would remain in place. The Commission said that the two trees in question could be cut down since they were to remove the hazard.

Stewardship Projects

6:06 Szczypa Conservation Farm & Barn

Securing broken open side of lower level of barn - R. Fletcher said he had contacted Mark Sarafin (who had previously installed new doors on the barn several years ago) to add another sliding door in the section where the siding had been removed. The other doors will remain. The new door will provide better access for loading/unloading hay in that section of the barn. At a Select Board meeting earlier in the year, the Fletchers had been told they could do whatever they wanted with the barn using their own funds. M. Hanc noted that while the Fletchers could use their own funds, the lease states that for changes to the property, the lessee must obtain “prior written consent of the Town, including the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Water Commission”. The Commission should be given a copy of the new door plan for approval when it is available. A building permit will be needed for the new door. While the barn is not secure while the siding is off, it was noted that during weekdays there is a police officer across the street at Glendale Rd for the road reconstruction project.

Foot Traffic Only signs – Will be installed by September 16 meeting. Location left to Fletchers to avoid problems with farm machinery plus they know where damage has been done to fields by unauthorized vehicles.

Condition of fields – The fields appear in good condition with no adverse impact from road work. It has been difficult getting large equipment into the fields.

Condition of trail – The back section of the fields, where the trail is located, have been wet. Drainage ditches need to be cleared out.

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Meeting with David Cameron – Stream crossing needs to be widened to better allow equipment access to back fields. D. Cameron had offered to assist in filling out paperwork.

Coordinate with Kestrel about location to install new nest box – New nest box and post are ready for installation.

6:32 Clearwater Woodland Conservation Area

Northeast Survey Consultants expects to be finished blazing the boundary by August 23. B. Taylor reported a downed tree which should be removed from across the trail.

6:34 Pomeroy Mt/Durell's Path

C. Axthelm, B. Taylor, and J. Piper will arrange a date for installation of the boundary medallions. Costs from at least three Foresters must be obtained before the Commission can hire someone to create a Forest Cutting Plan based upon the Forest Management Plan. If cost estimates can be received soon, a special meeting can be scheduled to vote on hiring prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 16.

6:38 Manhan Meadows Sanctuary

The August 7 storm caused considerable damage to the property. Trails were assessed August 10 by A. Lawrence and M. Hanc, August 13 by C. Axthelm, M. Hanc, K. Labrie, and J. Labrie, and August 14 by C. Axthelm and T. Zaharias.

Funding available for tree work was discussed, including the impact of using up endowment funds for maintenance rather than using those funds to leverage grants.

7:09 Motion made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Piper to pay up to \$150 for signs notifying people that the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary and Parsons Memorial Trails are closed due to the damage to the trees from the storm. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

7:10 Volunteers

Another work day is planned for September 21. Whittemore and Wolf Hill have trees down.

Old Business

7:14 Follow up EO NOI DEP#289-0214, 71 Whiteloaf Rd

The deed for a new owner of the property was recorded on July 26, 2019. There was a degree of uncertainty as to which deed should be used for recording the EO. Calls will be made to DEP and MACC to ask. The Commission members requested that a letter be sent to the new owner to be sure he is aware of the outstanding OOC and EO, and to invite him or his representative to the Conservation Commission meeting on September 16, 2019 to review the project with him.

7:21 Follow up EO, 114 County Rd

The property owner was to have planted a mix of grasses (Red Fescue, Little Bluestem, and Big Bluestem), to stabilize the soil. From County Road, it does not appear that those grasses have been established, but the site is vegetated. The Commission will continue to monitor the site from County Road.

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Regular Business

Choose liaison to CPC

7:25 Motion to have J. Piper as CPC representative made by A. Lawrence, seconded by C. Axthelm. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

Review minutes from August 5, 2019

Motion to accept August 5 minutes as presented made by A. Lawrence, seconded by T. Zaharias. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

7:28 Treasurer's Report

Balance in Conservation Revolving Fund (Act #245200.021) = \$5,905.10

Balance in 111 Glendale Rd Conservation Area (Act #285100.865) = \$26,525.26

Signatures

None.

7:29 Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by B. Taylor, seconded by J. Piper. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

Correspondence

Email

- August 6, 2016, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Torrent eNewsletter Summer 2019
- August 6, 2019, from PVPC - TOMORROW: Transportation Climate Initiative Springfield Workshop
- August 6, 2019, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. – regarding Lumbra, 318 College Highway, Southampton - Notice of Intent filing DEP file #289-0213
- August 8, 2019, from Cori Garrett-Goodyear (DCR) – regarding New cutting plan for Tyburski
 - Acres 32.9, Vol. MBF 60, Vol. Cds. 30, Plan Preparer Timothy B. Hill, Timber Harvester Roberts Bros. Lumber (TBD), DCR File Number 276-15368-20
- August 8, 2019, from CJ Lammers, The Conway School, – regarding Need an OSRP or other plan done? We can do it!
- August 8, 2019, from Chris Volonte, Kestrel Land Trust – regarding Kestrel Nest Box Project - Season Summary 2019
- August 9, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Welcome to the Flood Zone | August 2019 Issue 101
- August 10, 2019, from M. Hanc to Bob & Cheryl Fletcher – regarding side of Szczypa Barn
- August 12, 2019, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 8/1/19 & 8/8/19 SWPPP inspection reports
- August 12, 2019, from Joey Wigglesworth, MACC – regarding FREE: MACC Monthly Lunch & Learn Webinar 8/14/19 - Natives for Pollinators with Dan Jaffe
- August 12, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Two new FEMA HFIP Technical Bulletins are out!

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- August 12, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FEMA TB link that works
- August 12, 2019, from Bob & Cheryl Fletcher – regarding side of Szczypka Barn
- August 12, 2019, to Ryan Gleeher – regarding 71 Whiteloaf Rd new owner
- August 13, 2019, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP Aug Brown bag event, Mass Wildlife news, and much more
- August 13, 2019, to Grindstone Mountain Farm – regarding Citizen Questions
- August 14, 2019, from Glenn West – regarding Conservation Commission meeting dates
- August 14, 2019, to David Gorobinskiy – regarding 114 County Rd – update
- August 15, 2019, from Joyce Skyeck, Assistant Accountant – regarding Expense report 8-15-19
- August 16, 2019, from Lindsay Martucci, MACC – regarding MACC Environmental Handbook Subscription

Hard Copy

- Recording confirmation from Sherry Marcyoniak, 59 Brickyard Rd Ext, COC for DEP# 289-0201 recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds on 5/28/2019

Any other necessary business that cannot await the August 19, 2019 regular Conservation Commission meeting.

7:30 183 College Hwy Grindstone Mountain

A resident asked the Conservation Commission to check if recent work done at the farm was in the vicinity of a stream which flows into wetlands. From College Highway near Pomeroy Meadow Rd, several large piles of soil were observed. C. Axthelm has been in touch with the property owners who indicated that the project was approved by the APR program. They suggested that she contact Nick Pitel for further information.

7:36 RDA 32 High St

A resident expressed concern that due to the amount of clearing and fill, there might be erosion. Members of the Commission individually drove past the lot to view the site from the street. The site had been clear cut within the buffer zone to a BVW and Intermittent Stream. If this clearing had been shown in the original plans, a Notice of Intent would have been required. The Commission discussed issuing an Enforcement Order requiring that an NOI be filed, a Restoration Plan be created, and work at the site Cease and Desist. T. Zaharias would be the contact person.

7:45 Motion to issue Enforcement Order made by A. Lawrence, seconded by B. Taylor. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

Other Site Visits

7:47 318 College Hwy, DEP# 289-0213 – August 8, 2019, pre-construction site visit attended by M. Reed (Heritage Surveys, Inc.), J. Nadolski (site excavator), B. Taylor, and M. Hanc. OOC had been recorded in book 12808 page 63 on 11/16/2017. Sign with DEP# was in place. Erosion control consisting of silt fence and silt socks, reinforced in several places with straw bales, had been installed a few days prior. The small areas along the erosion controls which were washed out by the heavy storm the

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day before the site visit will be addressed immediately. M. Hanc asked for copies of the SWPPP reports to be sent to the ConCom's email address.

7:50 Clark Chapman House – August 14, 2019, C. Axthelm and T. Zaharias checked out a nearby wetland based upon a resident's inquiry. Any storm water drained into the wetland would first have to be treated, for example, run through gravel.

Upcoming Meeting Dates (subject to change)

9/16/19, 10/7/19, 10/21/19, 11/4/19, 11/18/19, 12/2/19, 12/16/19

Adjournment

7:52 Motion to adjourn made by C. Axthelm, seconded by A. Lawrence. Motion passed with five (5) Yes votes, and one (1) abstention (J. Piper)