

Southampton Conservation Commission (SCC)
Meeting –July 18, 2016
Southampton Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

Attendees: Chairman Charlie McDonald, Vice-Chairman Matthew Christy, Treasurer Arthur Lawrence, Secretary Marla Hanc, Teague Baker

Absent: Robert Barcomb, Rick Thibault

Public Present: No members of the public were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

7:07 Open Time to the Public

No members of the public spoke.

7:07 Regular Business:

Review minutes from June 6, 2016

7:08 A motion to accept the minutes from June 6, 2016 as amended was made by Mr. Lawrence and was seconded by Mr. Baker. The motion passed with four (4) YES votes and one (1) abstention (Mr. Christy).

7:09 Treasurer's Report

Mr. McDonald said that he had spoken with the Town Administrator to clarify uses of Town and personal printers for Town business. Eventually black and white printing will be done for committees by the Assistant Town Administrator, but color printing will continue to have to be done elsewhere.

A balance of \$10.00 is still owed for the Gazette advertisement for the RDA for 1 Russellville Road.

Signatures

- SCC-FY-17-P1 from Wetlands Protection (#245100.020)
 - Payable to MACC for annual dues, \$270.00
- SCC-FY-17-P2 from Conant Wildlife Fund (#825200.701)
 - Payable to RJM Landscaping for Szczypta barn brush clean-up, \$1,825.00

7:17 A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ms. Hanc and was seconded by Mr. Baker. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

7:06 Correspondence

Email

- June 8, 2016, from Mike Callahan, Beaver Solutions LLC - Emergency Beaver Permit Request
- June 16, 2016, from Chris Volonte – regarding Kestrel Nest Box Update
- June 21, 2016, from MACC – regarding eMACC Education Update – June 21
- June 22, 2016, from Kestrel Land Trust - FREE Workshop: Planning for the Future of Your Land
- June 29, 2016, from Pat Beaudry, PVPC – regarding See you tomorrow! (Rebuilding Renewal)

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- June 29, 2016, from Jaimye Bartak, PVPC – regarding Update - Manhan sampling sites
- June 29, 2016, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - FY17 Membership Renewal, July Brown Bag, other workshops, Unlocked Model CR, jobs, etc.
- June 30, 2016, from Citizen Forester – regarding July 2016 DCR Citizen Forester Newsletter
- June 30, 2016, from Rick Miller, RJM Landscaping, Inc. – regarding Invoice for the barn brush cutting
- July 5, 2016, from Sara Kreisel, Hatch Mott MacDonald – regarding Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company - Notification of Pipeline Maintenance Activities
- July 6, 2016, from MACC – regarding eMACC Education Update - July 6
- July 6, 2016, from Pat Beaudry, PVPC – regarding Transformative Development Panel Recap
- July 7, 2016, from Keith White – regarding 117 Russellville Rd septic system replacement
- July 8, 2016, from MACC - Massachusetts Declares Drought
- July 8, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding MassDEP Western Region Circuit Rider news for July 2016
- July 12, 2016, from Dan Pellegrini, Quigley Rd recording of Conditions at Registry of Deeds
- July 13, 2016, from Citizen Forester – regarding DCR Citizen Forester Mid-July Announcements
- July 13, 2016, from Sharon Riley, Realtor – regarding Wetland Questions (property listed at 108 Valley Rd)
- July 14, 2016, from Don Leger, regarding Hampton Ponds pre-season vegetation survey
- July 18, 2016, from Cori Garrett-Goodyear (DCR) – regarding 2 approved extensions on Southampton Cutting Plans (Stephen Bashista – Gunn Road, Robert & Cheryl Fletcher - Gunn Road)

Hard Copy

- June 7, 2016, from Southampton Select Board to Robert Fletcher – regarding Town Property, College Highway
- June 16, 2016, from Town Administrator’s Office, Form to update information of membership on Boards/Commissions
- Certified mail dated June 17, received June 20 from Christine Coe regarding plan to sell Peaceful Valley Farm. Easthampton and Southampton have CR dated July 23, 2005 for water protection and other purposes on property.
- Land/Estate Planning Workshop Hosted by the Holyoke Conservation Commission and the Kestrel Land Trust; June 29, 2016 @ 6-8PM; Pilsudski Park, County Road, Holyoke
- Mass Audubon Connections, July – September, 2016, Celebrating 100 years of Wildlife Sanctuaries
- Notification of Pipeline Vegetation Maintenance Activities from Hatch Mott MacDonald for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (TGP) – Northampton Lateral, dated July 5, 2016
- Receipt dated July 12, 2016 from Hampshire County Registry of Deeds issued to Daniel Pellegrini for recording OOC’s for Pellegrini Estates/Quigley Road subdivision NOI #

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7:29 Administrative Offices/SCC Responsibilities

Since two members of the commission were absent, the vote was postponed until a future meeting. Mr. Barcomb had requested that some meeting dates be changed to accommodate his work schedule as it had been done for him in prior years. Ms. Hanc said that in general a consistent schedule was kept by most commissions in neighboring towns, but since Mr. Barcomb's schedule had been considered in the past, she believed the exception could be made for him. She will send an email to the SCC members of the proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2016.

7:35 RDA 1 Russellville Rd., Applicant: Matt Marchesi

Mr. McDonald read the advertisement which had been published in the June 15, 2016 edition of the Daily Hampshire Gazette. \$75 was received for the local filing fee and \$70 was received for the ad in the Gazette. The site visit on May 11 was attended by Mr. McDonald, Mr. Lawrence, Ms. Hanc, and Mr. Marchesi. The proposed project is for the construction of two additions to an existing home which is within 200' of the Manhan River. The additions would be constructed away from the river side of the building on land that is currently lawn, garden, or walkway. There will be no cellar.

7:47 A motion to issue a Negative 3 and a Negative 5 was made by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Christy. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

Three copies of the RDA were signed.

7:51 Stewardship Projects

Survey: Whittemore Conservation Area

Mr. Barcomb has been making arrangements with Holmberg & Howe to locate the property boundary markers. Ms. Hanc researched a list of the abutters for Mr. Barcomb to send a letter to each address to let them know that someone will be working on the property lines. Larry Holmberg indicated that they should be able to do the work before the end of August and suggested that Mr. Barcomb send out the abutter notification this week or next. He also suggested that closer to the actual begin date, once it is known, we ask the Town to send out a Code Red broadcast to that neighborhood to remind them. The Town Administrator said she could send out the broadcast and that the letter should be copied to the Select Board and the Police.

7:56 PVPC RFB Whittemore Bridge Project/Manhan River Water Sampling

Mr. McDonald has been working with Jamie Bartak to follow the requirements to create a Request for Bid to determine costs for the Whittemore Bridge project.

Ms. Hanc, one of a number of volunteers in Easthampton and Southampton, has been working with Jamie Bartak to collect water samples to help determine the sources of E. coli in the Manhan River. The process consists of collecting water on six occasions, three following dry weather and three following a rain event. The water samples are sent to a laboratory in Greenfield for analysis.

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8:00 Status: Szczypta Barn Stabilization

On June 25, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Barcomb, Ms. Hanc, and Mark Sarafin went to the Szczypta barn to view the areas needing the stabilization effort. At the May 17 ATM the voters approved spending up to \$20,000 on the stabilization project. At the June 6 SCC meeting, the members voted to hire Sarafin Builders for the project.

Future Meetings

The next SCC meetings are tentatively planned for August 1 & 15, September 12 & 26, October 24, November 7 & 21, and December 5 & 19, 2016.

8:02 Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Christy and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.