

Southampton Conservation Commission (SCC)
Meeting – November 2, 2015
Southampton Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

Attendees: Chairman Charlie McDonald, Treasurer Arthur Lawrence, Randall Kemp, Secretary Marla Hanc

Absent: Vice-Chairman Matthew Christy, Rick Thibault, Robert Barcomb

Public Present: Dennis Vogel, 139 Fomer Rd
Kathleen Dillon, 139 Fomer Rd
Charlie Kaniecki, 146 Valley Rd
Lee Armstrong, 132 Fomer Rd
Maureen Armstrong, 132 Fomer Rd
Rafael Biard, 131 Fomer Rd
Peter Levesque, Wetland Consultants, Inc., East Longmeadow, MA
Dmitriy Kondratyev, 40 Gaskill Ave, West Springfield, MA
Inga Kondratyev, 40 Gaskill Ave, West Springfield, MA

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

7:00 Open Time to the Public

No member of the public spoke at this time.

7:00 Regular Business:

Review minutes from October 19, 2015

7:04 A motion to accept the minutes from October 19, 2015 as amended was made by Mr. Kemp and was seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

7:05 Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Conservation Commission Expenses account is \$248.68, the balance in the Wetlands Protection account is \$5648.88, and the balance in the Szczypta Signs account is \$375.00.

Signatures

- SCC-FY-16-P8 from Wetlands Protection (# 245100.020
 - Payable to PVPC for FY 16 Compact dues, \$1,500.00
- SCC-FY-16-P9 from CC Expenses (#15170.700)
 - Payable to Puffer Printing – 24 color copies, Cook Rd., \$31.20
 - Payable to MACC - WPA Guide Packet of 100, \$30.00

7:06 A motion to pay up to \$150.00 for SCC members to attend the 2015 Massachusetts Trails Conference "Sustainable Trails for a Sustainable Future" on November 14 was made by Mr. Kemp and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

7:07 A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Kemp and was seconded by Ms. Hanc. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

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7:07 Correspondence

Email

- October 20, 2015, from Peter J. Levesque, LSP, PWS, Wetland Consultants, Inc. – regarding 130 Fomer Road
- October 20, 2015, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Southampton - DEP File Number 289-0204 for NOI at 130 Fomer Road
- October 27, 2015, from Glenn West – regarding Lyman Dam
- November 2, 2015, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. – regarding Garstka, 182 Brickyard Road Request for Certificate of Compliance, DEP File #289-0200
- November 2, 2015, from Heather Budrewicz, Town Administrator – regarding Land Group meeting with BOS
- November 2, 2015, from Jaimye Bartak, AICP, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission - regarding Nov. 5 Webinar - A MUST SEE! - The Razorback Greenway: From Concept to Creation

Hard Copy

- MACC dues of \$270.00 will be coming up soon
- Ms. Hanc researched the meeting schedules of nearby towns. The majority have a fixed schedule. Possible 2016 meeting dates were reviewed taking into consideration the first and third Mondays on the month and state holidays.

7:11 Mr. Kemp made a motion to approve the proposed schedule with the understanding that exceptions would be scheduled as needed for issuing permits within 21 days as required by law. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

- Letter dated October 24, 2015, from John C. Jakobek, Jr., Attorney at Law, representing Benjamin A. Hogan and Karen A. Hogan – regarding notice of intent to sell land to be converted to residential use pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 61, Section 8. The land comprises 26.887 acres on the southeasterly side of Pleasant St. An offer to buy the property at 66 Pleasant St. for \$160,000 had been made by a perspective buyer. The property is adjacent to the 35 acre Alice Brown Conservation Area. Mr. McDonald noted the difficulty in getting grants for funding the purchase of relatively small parcels.

7:22 A motion was made to recommend that the Select Board not waive the right to first refusal for 66 Pleasant St. by Ms. Hanc and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion did not pass, with two (2) YES votes and two (2) NO votes (Mr. McDonald and Mr. Kemp).

7:24 New Business

NOI 130 Fomer Rd, DEP# 289-0204, Owner: Dmitriy V. Kondratyev, Representative: Peter Levesque, Wetland Consultants, Inc., East Longmeadow, MA

Mr. McDonald read the notice which had been published in the October 21 Daily Hampshire Gazette. The proposed project consists of the construction of a single family dwelling within the 100 foot buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, with the closet point being within 20 feet of the BVW. The abutters had been notified of the hearing as evidenced in Appendix B of the NOI. Checks for \$262.50 and \$250.00 for the NOI fees had been submitted with the NOI filing. A check for \$69.25 for publication of the notice in the Daily Hampshire Gazette was received at the hearing. Trees had been cut on the site and fill had been delivered prior to

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receiving necessary permits. The site visit is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Kondratyev and Mr. Levesque agreed to continue the hearing.

7:54 A motion was made to continue the hearing to November 16, 2015 at 7:20 PM by Ms. Hanc and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

7:56 Stewardship

A list of potential contractors to stabilize the Szczypta Barn has been received from Charlie Kaniecki. Mr. McDonald will be assembling the necessary three bids for timber frame work that will be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee. It is anticipated that the request for funds will be in a Warrant at the next Town Meeting early in 2016.

The title search lawyer for the Greenway Project will be hiking the railroad corridor with Mr. McDonald in the coming weeks to examine the transverse crossings, the conditions of the bridges, and the general layout of the potential rail trail.

PVPC Maps

With support from the Commission for the PVPC Conservation Compact, further work can now be undertaken to map and document the Easement Locations along the Greenway corridor. This will clearly indicated to the Select Board prior to signing a Purchase and Sales Agreement what the Town is going to buy and the ownership issues that are involved.

The installation of the interactive hiking maps software for Wolf Hill and the Szczypta Conservation Farm develop by PVPC will be installed on the Conservation Commission Web Page.

Future Meetings

The next SCC meetings are planned for November 16, 2015, December 7 & 21, 2015, January 4, 2016, February 1, 2016, and March 7 & 21, 2016.

8:00 Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kemp and seconded by Ms. Hanc. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.