

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – June 29, 2020
Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 890 3983 2620

Present via Zoom: Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Brittany Taylor, Dan LaValley, Mike Reed, Anna Breen

Absent: Joy Piper

Public Present via Zoom:

Chris Fowles, Select Board
Charlie McDonald, Associate ConCom Member
Tom Jenkins, Blue Dog Forestry

6:00 Meeting called to order

Stewardship Projects

Forest Management – Open Bids for Pomeroy Mt/Durell's Path Forest Cutting Plan.

Per state regulations, there needed to be a minimum of 3 bids requested. Forester T. Jenkins reported that he had sent out 10 bid requests and received 3 bids from the following:

Stange Logging and Cordwood for the amount of \$15,000.00
Mike Stange
657 White Pond Road
Athol, MA 01331

Nathan Clark for the amount of \$15,573.75
P.O. Box 108
Heath, MA 01346

Don Culver for the amount of \$22,475.00
327 Southampton Road
Westhampton, MA 01027

Clarification was requested as to some specifics of the contract - duration, payment timing, etc. T. Jenkins explained that the logger gives 20% as a down payment and proof of liability insurance and pays in full when the project begins. The Forester's pay is 15% of the total received payment. The contract is good for one year. T. Jenkins will notify the property abutters.

M. Hanc noted that a small parking area should be constructed at Pomeroy Mt/Durell's Path as part of the logging process. Funds from the sale of the timber can be used for signage and trail building/improvement at the site.

6:08pm Motion to accept the bid from Don Culver made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

Regular Business

6:11pm Treasurer's Report

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A. Lawrence reviewed the various ending account balances for funds for FY20 and explained the allowed uses of the accounts. The ending balance in the Conservation General Fund is \$0.00. The ending balance in the Conservation Revolving Fund account after payment to M. Hanc for reimbursement for postage is \$2,937.84.

- Conservation Revolving Fund (Act #255200.021, SCC-FY20-P19)
 - Payable to Marla Hanc for postage, \$38.60

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by D. LaValley, seconded by M. Reed.
Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

6:21pm Discuss roles of Conservation Commission members

D. LaValley had composed a rough draft of roles for Conservation Commission members in order to better balance the workload. The various basic functions of the committee were reviewed. Concerns that were brought up pertained to the newest members and their inexperience with NOIs, RDAs, etc. It was proposed to try partnering up several members (not more than 3 so as to not qualify as a quorum) to work on some of these items and learn with the help of a more senior member. B. Taylor and A. Breen will work with D. LaValley on the OOC for the East St. Bridge project. M. Hanc will also assist teaching newer members on incoming NOIs. A request was made to provide members access to samples of previous NOIs, RDAs, OOCs, etc. as examples for what is required.

7:19pm Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by A. Lawrence , seconded by A. Breen.
Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).