

Southampton Conservation Commission (SCC)  
Meeting – August 18, 2014  
Southampton Town Hall Meeting Room

**Attendees:** Chairman Charlie McDonald, Treasurer Arthur Lawrence, Robert Barcomb, Rick Thibault, Randall Kemp (arrived 7:25), Secretary Marla Hanc

**Absent:** Vice-Chairman Matthew Christy

**Public Present:** Jerry Kaulback, 1 Cottage Ave.  
Jeremy Kaulback, 1 Cottage Ave.  
Robert Riggs, 88 Pleasant St.  
Denise Riggs, 88 Pleasant St.  
Michael Ingraham, 147 Russellville Rd.  
Cara Ferrara Ingraham, 147 Russellville Rd.

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

**7:00 Open Time to the Public**

Jeremy Kaulback, a member of Troop 210 who holds the rank of Life Scout, presented his proposal for his Eagle Scout Service Project. Mr. Kaulback's proposal involves fixing the suspension bridge at the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary. Students from Hampshire Regional High School would be doing the work. The estimate of the materials required is \$2,300. Mr. McDonald stated that the CPC has requested that Scouts raise some of the funding for projects themselves. Mr. Kaulback hopes to start his project by mid-September and complete it by winter. Ms. Hanc asked that Mr. Kaulback email to Mr. McDonald a copy of the proposal. Mr. Kaulback confirmed that he had Mr. McDonald's email address.

**7:07** Mr. Barcomb made a motion to support the further development of the Eagle Scout Service Project to be presented to the Scout Council for review. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

**7:08** Robert Riggs discussed the Kellogg (formerly Gunn) Chapter 61 property on Pleasant St. which abuts the 35 acre Alice Brown Conservation Area. With the understanding that the Kellogg's are planning to sell the farm for development within the next year or two, Mr. Riggs would like to begin the process to conserve the land now.

**7:18** Ms. Hanc made a motion to support Mr. Riggs in preserving the Kellogg farm property on Pleasant St.; Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

Mr. Barcomb said that he would contact Mr. Kellogg to begin the conservation discussion.

**Regular Business**

**7:25 RDA: 147 Russellville Rd.,** Applicants: Michael S. and Cara Ingraham

The proposed work will remove seven large trees in a Riverfront Area of the Manhan River. A site visit at 6:00 PM on August 7, 2014 was attended by Mr. McDonald, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Kemp, Ms. Hanc, and Ms. Ingraham. The project requires a MESA review, which is pending. The Tree Warden was expected on August 19 to review the status of one of the trees near the road, which might be on Town property.

**7:31** A motion was made by Mr. Barcomb to continue the RDA to September 8. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thibault. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) YES votes.

**7:32 Glendale Road Tree Removal - Review**

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A site visit to 103 Glendale Rd. at 5:30 PM on August 7, 2014 was attended by Mr. McDonald, Mr. Lawrence, Ms. Hanc, and Ms. Yanxie. A number of trees had been removed from the Riverfront Area, a footbridge had been installed, and a fenced in shed had been installed close to the perennial stream. At the time of the site visit, the property owners were asked to attend the meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>, but Ms. Yanxie said they had previously made commitments and would not be able to do so.

**8:12** Mr. Lawrence made a motion to issue an enforcement order. Ms. Hanc seconded the motion. During the discussion, Mr. Barcomb questioned the authority of the Conservation Commission to require that an environmental consultant be hired to re-establish the Riverfront and Resource Area boundary as it existed prior to the disturbance and to design the restoration plan. It was also discussed that the middle of the stream forms some part of the property boundary; and it was not clear if some of the tree cutting had been done across the property line. The SCC cannot require people to work on someone else's property without permission.

**8:18** Mr. Kemp made a motion to table issuing the enforcement order at the present meeting and to notify the abutter via certified mail of the alleged violation on his property. Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Hanc withdrew the original motion to issue the enforcement order. Mr. Kemp will draft the letter to the abutter and send it to Mr. McDonald, who will then mail it.

**8:24** Mr. Barcomb seconded the motion to send the certified mail to the abutter. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) YES votes.

**8:28 Review Minutes**

The minutes from March 31 were not available for review.

The meeting which had been scheduled for August 4 was not held since it had not been posted. Mark Stinson (DEP) did review paperwork procedures with the members on August 4.

The minutes from July 21, 2014 were reviewed.

**8:35** Mr. Thibault made a motion to accept the minutes from July 21 as modified. Mr. Kemp seconded the motion. The motion passed with six (6) YES votes.

**8:36 Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Lawrence presented the Treasurer's report; the CC Expenses account will have a balance of \$554.82 and the Wetlands Protection account has a balance of \$454.61.

Signatures:

- SCC-FY-15-P3 from CC Expenses (#15170.700)
  - Payable to Charlie McDonald for postage, \$7.29
- SCC-FY-15-P4 from CC Expenses (#15170.700)
  - Payable to Daily Hampshire Gazette for RDA Public Notice for 147 Russellville Rd., \$79.14
  - Payable to Charlie McDonald for ink, \$20.99

**8:37** Mr. Thibault made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Barcomb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) YES votes.

**8:37 Correspondence**

**Email:**

- July 22, 2014, from Mollie Freilicher, Community Action Forester - regarding Free Webcast: Communicating with the Media and Diverse Organizations, July 23, 12-1pm

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- July 22, 2014, from US Composting Council – regarding Sweet Deal for Last Minute Registrants: 10% Off on Compost Odor Prevention Webinar Wednesday
- July 23, 2014, from Southampton Community Channel 5 Notices – regarding Southampton Notices
- July 27, 2014, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding paperwork review at August 4 meeting
- July 28, 2014, from Gail Santoro - regarding Kevin Brooks contact info should we need it in the future
- July 28, 2014, from Leanne Spaulding, US Composting Council – regarding Where Are You in the Organics Hub? Compost Expertise Can Be At Your Fingertips
- July 31, 2014, from [Mass.Wildlife@state.ma.us](mailto:Mass.Wildlife@state.ma.us) - regarding [masswildlife.news] MassWildlife News -- August 2015
- August 1, 2014, from Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. – regarding The Environment in the Headlines
- August 4, 2014, from Mollie Freilicher, Community Action Forester - regarding DCR August Citizen Forester Newsletter
- August 6, 2014, from Ecological Landscape Alliance – regarding Upcoming Educational Events
- August 6, 2014, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding DEP Western Region Circuit Rider News for August 2014
- August 8, 2014, from Joshua Garcia, MPA, Municipal Services Coordinator, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission - regarding Shared Service Analysis
- August 8, 2014, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Site Visit: 103 Glendale Rd. Southampton
- August 9, 2014, from Courtney Haff – regarding August 16th: Carl Walter - The Hampshire & Hampden Canal
- August 11, 2014, from Richard LeBlanc (AGR) – regarding MDAR - Tomato Contest - Next Monday
- August 12, 2014, from Joshua Garcia , MPA, Municipal Services Coordinator, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission - regarding Draft Analysis - Shared Conservation Agent
- August 13, 2014, from US Composting Council – regarding COMPOST2015! Registration is OPEN!
- August 12, 2014, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Site Visit: 103 Glendale Rd. Southampton
- August 13, 2014, from [Mass.Wildlife@state.ma.us](mailto:Mass.Wildlife@state.ma.us) - regarding [masswildlife.news] MassWildlife Advisory -- MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS SET
- August 14, 2014, from Charlie McDonald to Joshua Garcia - regarding corrections to Draft Analysis - Shared Conservation Agent
- August 15, 2014, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Southampton: 103 Glendale Rd. Enforcement Order
- August 15, 2014, from Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. – regarding The Environment in the Headlines
- August 15, 2014, from Ecological Landscaping Association – regarding Newsletter - August 2014 Edition
- August 17, 2014, from US Composting Council – regarding Are Your Sports Venues Composting? Find Out How to Start!

**Hard Copy:**

- From the Planning Board, copies of
  - Plan of Division of Land, Southampton, MA showing revisions to Lots 27 & 28 and proposed 'no cut' line lot 28, J.S. Sampson Development, Inc., Owner, by R.A. Foresi Associates, dated July 26, 2012 (re-signed plans due to lost mylar)

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- Plan of Land in Southampton, Massachusetts prepared for Town of Southampton, by Holmberg & Howe, Land Surveyors & Civil Engineers, dated June 23, 2014, showing 0.683 acres to be conveyed to the Town of Southampton from Bray
- Plan of Land in Southampton prepared for James R. Labrie, Sr. & James R. Labrie, Jr., by Heritage Surveys, Inc., dated July 15, 2014, showing property on Gunn Road.

**8:41 Open Space Projects:**

**New/Old Business**

**PVPC Shared Conservation Agent Analysis**

Mr. McDonald said that the work done by Joshua Garcia would be presented to the Select Board.

**8:42 Master Plan Implementation**

Mr. Barcomb said that there was nothing to report from the Master Plan Implementation Committee.

**CPC Projects/Comments**

During the August 6 Community Preservation Committee meeting, Mr. Riggs discussed the possibility of preserving the Kellogg's farm land on Pleasant St. as he has at the SCC meeting. Funding for Labrie Field work was also discussed.

**Szczypta License/Hiking Maps**

The Select Board signed off on the renewal of Bob Fletcher's license to hay the Szczypta Conservation Farm. PVPC is just about finished with the revisions to the hiking maps.

**Other**

Mr. Barcomb cleaned up the felled trees which had been blocking pathways as had been noted by David Litterer in July.

Tree cutting on Moosebrook Road, which might not have been properly permitted, had been observed.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) accepts applications for Recreational Trails Grants on an annual basis. The next deadline for all RTP grants is February 1st, 2015.

Mr. Kaulback asked Mr. Kemp if the Highway Department might have any materials which could be used in the repair of the suspension bridge at the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary. Mr. Barcomb and Mr. Kemp will look through some of the materials which the Town no longer uses, such as cable no longer used for guard rails.

Ms. Hanc suggested that all site visits, informational or otherwise, be mentioned at the SCC meetings so there would be a record of the visits in the minutes.

The MACC Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, September 27, in Framingham.

**Next Meetings**

The next SCC meetings are planned for September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, December 1 & 15

**8:55 Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Kemp to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barcomb. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) YES votes.