

Southampton Conservation Commission (SCC)  
Meeting –December 19, 2016  
Southampton Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

**Attendees:** Chair Marla Hanc, Vice-Chair Robert Barcomb, Treasurer Arthur Lawrence,  
Clerk Brittany Gutermuth, Teague Baker

**Absent:** Rick Thibault, Matt Christy

**Public Present:** Janet Brown, 14 High  
Wally Marek, 186 College Hwy  
Matthew Fletcher, 22 Gunn Rd  
Robert Fletcher, 22 Gunn Rd  
Cheryl Fletcher, 22 Gunn Rd

7:00 **Meeting called to order**

7:00 **Open Time to the Public**  
No members of the public spoke.

**New Business**

7:01 **7 High St., DEP# 289-0205, amend OOC to bring in power lines**

Mr. Marek would like to add a trench 24” deep along gravel road parallel to High Street to new property to bring in underground electrical service from College Highway. Approximately 3 trees on High Street would need to be removed if using poles instead. Erosion is also a concern if the trees are removed. Highway Superintendent Randall Kemp, Eversource, Ms. Hanc and Mr. Lawrence were consulted on plan. Mr. Stinson was also consulted on open NOI, he said the update to electrical plan could be added at a meeting and voted on. Gas will not be brought in to the site. Janet Brown asked which trees will be cut. Mr. Marek said that if trees were to be cut on High Street, they would have to be cut at an 8’ radius from the poles. However, with the trench, only a tree near College Highway on Mr. Marek’s property would have to be cut. Eversource contacted Ms. Brown to say no trees on High Street will be cut for poles. Easement will be on Mr. Marek’s property. Work to be done in the spring. Mr. Lawrence moved to modify the conditions of the NOI to include the trench and easement. Mr. Barcomb seconded. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

**Old Business**

7:18 **EO Tree cutting/agricultural land**

Mr. Kaniecki sent plan to remove slash from stream bed, Mr. Stinson recommended with amendments, DEP accepted with Natural Heritage on board. Ms. Hanc signed enforcement order and Commission needs to sign to ratify, and to approve the plan. Mr. Barcomb moved to ratify enforcement, Mr. Lawrence seconded. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes. Mr. Lawrence moved to approve plan, Mr. Barcomb seconded but with discussion. Mr. Barcomb asks that a condition be added to the restoration plan that includes naming parties responsible if a machine leaks oil on the site near wetland resource area. Both pull motion. Mr. Barcomb moved to edit plan to include clean up plan, Mr. Baker seconded. An indemnification plan will be added in the case of a spill of hazardous material in the resource area. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

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**7:28 Possible WPA violation on Middle Road**

Highway Department sent a letter to homeowner, no response yet.

**7:30 PVPC update to Manhan Meadows trail map**

Online version of map has been updated, Ms. Bartak supplied Ms. Hanc with printable map with the missing trail filled in. Mr. Lawrence to add pdfs of maps on town website. Ms. Bartak will look into optimizing maps for mobile users. Ms. Hanc asks if maps should be printed- would need to obtain funding. Mr. Barcomb moved to solicit quotes for printing new maps. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

**7:36 Project priorities for 2017**

Legal- Ms. Hanc received quotes for legal services. Mr. Barcomb discussed benefits of working with one lawyer.

Ms. Hanc plans to review Manhan Meadows plan made in 2009 and get quotes for proposed work.

Mr. Barcomb states the Szczypta Barn roof project should be top priority.

**Stewardship Projects**

**7:40 Szczypta Farm Conservation Area - license**

Updated license was passed to Select Board but will not be voted on as planned, Mr. Kaniecki has questions on certain points. Mrs. Fletcher reminded the Commission that they are already planning for the use of the land for next spring and the current license expires Jan 1, 2017. Mr. Barcomb expressed concern that much time was spent crafting the new license and getting Conservation Commission's, Water Commission's, and the Fletcher's approval of the document. Mr. Lawrence moved that Conservation Commission proceed forward with the license as is, Mr. Barcomb seconded. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes. Updated license signed by Commissioners and Mr. Fletcher. Ms. Hanc will attend the next Select Board meeting.

**7:56 Szczypta Barn**

Historical Commission sent Ms. Hanc contact info for a barn restorer- fee for service is \$90/hr + travel. There is a \$180 quote to give an estimate on work to be done to restore the barn. Ms. Hanc recommends finding out as much as we can about restoration in general. Ms. Hanc will make contact and find out what his services include and what product the Commission would receive for his fee.

**8:04 Status of survey work/blazing**

No new news. Mr. Barcomb will obtain a bill for Whittemore Property work.

**8:06 Volunteers**

Ms. Gutermuth will contact HRHS again after the new year.

**Regular Business**

**8:08 Review minutes from December 5**

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Mr. Barcomb moved to accept as written, Mr. Lawrence seconded. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

**8:10 Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Lawrence reported there is no change, \$3160.22 in wetlands protection account. Ms. Hanc asked for Mr. Lawrence to order 4 hanging file forms for an old filing cabinet.

**8:12 Signatures**

None needed

**8:12 Correspondence**

**Email**

- MACC – letter to Governor Baker regarding Natural Gas pipelines
- December 6, 2016, from Paul Catanzaro – regarding MassWoods: New Forest Resiliency Publication and more
- December 6, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding December DEP Western Region Circuit Rider News.
- December 6, 2016, from Janet Brown – regarding sign refurbishing and question of lawn chemicals
- December 7, 2016, from Lindsay Martucci (MACC) – regarding eMACC Advocacy Update - December 7
- December 7, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Baker-Polito Administration Designates New Priority River and Wetland Restoration Projects
- December 8, 2016, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP brown bag & potluck event next week and much more!
- December 8, 2016, from Janet Brown – regarding lawn chemicals and new power lines
- December 9, 2016, from Randall Kemp, Highway Superintendent – regarding certified letter sent to 75 Middle Road
- December 12, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Amending an Order of Conditions
- December 12, 2016, from Charlie Kaniecki – regarding Twin Orchard Farm Plan
- December 13, 2016, from Charlie Kaniecki – regarding Dam on Manhan by Brickyard Road
- December 13, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Kaniecki's Plan in Response to EO
- December 13, 2016, from Massachusetts Housing Partnership – regarding Save the date: Housing Institute, June 7 & 8, 2017
- December 14, 2016, from Dan Pellegrini – regarding SWPPP Reports
- December 14, 2016, from Jack Sobon – regarding Old Barn in Southampton, MA
- December 15, 2016, from Brent Powers (FWE) regarding Kaniecki's Plan in Response to EO
- December 17, 2016, from Charlie Kaniecki – regarding Southampton Contract for using town land for farming

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- December 19, 2016, from Jaimye Bartak, PVPC – regarding Southampton Maps
- December 19, 2016, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc – regarding Southampton January 2017 Cons. Comm. meeting dates
- December 19, 2016, from Charlie Kaniecki – regarding Logging Twin Orchard Farm
- December 19, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Riverfront
- MACC- asked for Commissions to voluntarily join in their letter in opposition to new interstate gas pipelines running through protected land in MA. Ms. Gutermuth moved to sign onto MACC pledge in support of Baker’s Executive Order for Climate readiness. No one seconded, motion failed.

**Hard Copy**

- 2 Forest Cutting Plans for Holyoke Water Works; 50 acres. 85 cords; 61 acres, 96 cords

8:26 **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Barcomb, seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

**Future meetings:** January 30, February 13 & 27, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, June 5 & 19, 2017