

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – March 4, 2019
Southampton Town Hall – First Floor Meeting Room

Present: Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Joy Piper, Tony Zaharias, Charlotte Axthelm (arrived 6:41)

Absent: Matt Fletcher

Public Present: John Blowers, Scapes Builders, 20 Manhan Rd
John Collins, 23 Freyer Rd
Amanda Zedonis Kemp, 1 Campus Ln, Easthampton
Diana Federman, 3 Birchwood Dr
Janet Brown, 14 High St
Reeny Groden, Select Board
Walter Marek, 7 High St
Darren Birchall, 20 Manhan Rd
Barbara LaFlam, 20 Cook Rd
April West, 54 Strong Rd
Kristina Madsen, 40 Rattle Hill Rd

6:00 Call meeting to order

Open Time to the Public

John Collins asked about the process for permitting the addition of a garage to a property at 23 Freyer Rd. The area in question is about 70' from Pequot Pond. The process for filing an RDA/WPA Form 1 was briefly explained.

John Blowers of Scapes Builders and Darren Birchall asked about a proposed project at 20 Manhan Road. While the location of the site is outside of the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, it is mapped as NHESP Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare Species, and therefore would require filing for a MESA project review.

Diana Federman invited the Commission members to the Open Space Committee's land stewardship outreach events in April and May.

6:18 New Business

Chapter 61A - Request for waiver of option to purchase #2 and #4 Woodmar Ln,

Representative: Attorney Amanda Zedonis Kemp

Atty. Zedonis Kemp noted the locations of the two lots near the corner of Woodmar Lane and Pleasant Street.

6:20 Motion to recommend to the Select Board to waive the Town's right of first refusal made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Piper. Motion passed with four (4) Yes votes

6:21 Extension Request for Order of Conditions, 7 High Street, DEP #289-0205, Applicant: W. Marek Inc., Representative: Heritage Surveys, Inc.

The original Order of Conditions was issued March 21, 2016. The extension request was received January 22, 2019. Other than some tree removal, little has been done on the site. J. Brown expressed concern about water coming off High St entering the site. Since some Commission members were not familiar with the project since they were not on the Commission three years ago, as well as the possibility that something could have changed on the site,

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Commission members will meet W. Marek at the site on March 16 at 11:00 AM to review the area.

6:38 Old Business

NOI DEP# 289-0216 - continued, 0 Russellville Rd, Applicant: Sergey & Anna Kafanov; Representative: R. Levesque Associates, Inc.

Due to the weather conditions, neither the Westfield Conservation Commission nor the Southampton Conservation Commission have been able to do additional review work on site. On March 3, a request was received from R. Levesque Associates, Inc. to continue the public hearing to March 18.

6:39 Motion to continue hearing to March 18, 2019 made by J. Piper, seconded by T. Zaharias. Motion passed with four (4) Yes votes.

Enforcement Orders

6:11 114 County Rd

On February 12, David Gorobinskiy emailed a planting proposal for the stabilization of the utility pole roadway. The planting would be done by May 1, 2019.

41 Valley Rd

No recent developments. The construction is nearing completion.

6:41 C. Axthelm arrived.

Stewardship Projects

Manhan Meadows Sanctuary

Work by Lyndon Tree Care was postponed due to storm on February 25.

Wolf Hill Sanctuary

C. Axthelm noted the forestry work on abutting property seemed in close proximity to the Wolf Hill trail. M. Hanc will confirm the property line between the parcels.

6:48 Szczypta Conservation Farm

No updates regarding the Glendale Road reconstruction.

6:51 Status of survey work/blazing at Pomeroy Mt/Durell's Path

M. Hanc spoke to Larry Holmberg on February 27. Surveyors have almost finished with the survey.

6:52 Glendale Road LAND Grant

On February 28, 2019, the Town received the Deed Transfer and Certification of Title for the 111 Glendale Rd property.

To receive the \$400,000 LAND grant funds, a number of other documents must be produced. The land survey needs to be completed by the end of April since other projects, including the

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CR, Baseline Report and Land Management Plan, and MassGIS data entry form, depend upon the boundaries.

Some suggestions had been presented regarding a name for the property, including historical references and/or current conservation related references. The choice of the name was postponed until another member of the Conservation Commission could see the property.

Signs – Diana Federman worked on sign designs.

The completion of outstanding CRs on parcels acquired with the use of Community Preservation Act funds is necessary. Documentation should include the grantee, date of conveyance, and registry book/page of the CR document

7:27 Regular Business

Forest Management Article

The basis for the proposed article was reviewed for the members of the public. The Town of Shirley's approach is to be used as a model. Maintenance of a healthy forest, trails, and bridges requires funding. Grants also require some matching funds. Income, if any, from forest management could help fund the Commission's land management obligations.

Review minutes from February 4, 2018

7:40 Motion to accept minutes as presented made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Piper. Motion passed with five (5) Yes votes.

7:42 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer still has not received the annual payment for the Red Brook Estates CR which was due November 1, 2018.

Signatures

- Conservation (Act #245200.021, SCC-FY19-P19)
 - Payable to Marla Hanc for MACC Annual Conference- \$125.00
 - Payable to Joy Piper for MACC Annual Conference- \$125.00
 - Payable to Art Lawrence for MACC Annual Conference- \$125.00

7:45 Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by J. Piper, seconded by C. Axthelm. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) Yes votes.

Correspondence

Email

- February 5, 2019, from Robert Young, Burns & McDonnell – regarding Eversource Solar Array Turbidity Photo Log
- February 5, 2019, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 01/31/2019 SWPPP inspection report
- February 6, 2019, from Joy Duperrault (DCR) – regarding Value of Mitigation- National Institute of Building Sciences Interim report

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- February 6, 2019, from PVPC – regarding Storm Hazard Mitigation through Designing with Nature
- February 7, 2019, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding February 2019 Western Region Circuit Rider news
- February 7, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Welcome to the Flood Zone | February 2019 Issue 95
- February 8, 2019, from Mass. Division of Ecological Restoration - DER's 2018 Annual Report - Adaptation in Action
- February 8, 2019, from Melany Cheeseman, Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife – regarding Manhan River Restoration, EENF, EEA# 15971, NHESP 15-34810.
- February 8, 2019, from Christina Wiseman, Mass Audubon – regarding Mass Audubon comments on Manhan River Restoration Project EENF
- February 8, 2019, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 02/05/2019 and 02/07/2019 SWPPP inspection reports
- February 8, 2019, from MACC – regarding Reminder: MACC's Annual Environmental Conference is only 3 Weeks Away!
- February 10, 2019, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 02/08/2019 SWPPP inspection report
- February 11, 2019, from Don Leger – regarding Pequot Pond Weed Management 2018 Season Program and outlook to 2019 & 2020
- February 12, 2019, from MACC – regarding MACC- FREE Lunch & Learn Webinar: 2/13 Topic: Climate Change for Conservationists-What can we do?
- February 12, 2019, from MHP – regarding MHP newsletter: DataTown launch, Housing Institute, Mel King trainings & more
- February 13, 2019, from Emmanuel Owusu (ENV) – regarding copy of the executed copy of the State Standard Contract for the 111 Glendale Road Conservation Project
- February 13, 2019, from Emmanuel Owusu (ENV) – regarding Baseline Documentation Report Template for your use: Southampton-Glendale LAND Grant
- February 14, 2019, from Robert Young, Burns & McDonnell – regarding status update about the Southampton site
- February 15, 2019, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 02/12/2019 SWPPP inspection report
- February 15, 2019, from MACC – regarding Reminder- MACC's Annual Business Meeting & Slate of Candidates, March 2, 2019, 8:30 AM
- February 18, 2019, from MACC – regarding Reminder - Sign Up Now for MACC's Annual Environmental Conference, March 2, in Worcester, MA
- February 20, 2019, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - reminder: next's week event, PLPA, and much more!
- February 20, 2019, from Mike Bishop – regarding Hunting on Conservation Properties
- February 21, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Daily Digest Bulletin
- February 21, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant - Now Accepting Applications!

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- February 22, 2019, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator to John Fuhrman, VHB – regarding East Street Bridge
 - February 22, 2019, from Lee Halasz, Kestrel Land Trust – regarding MA Open Space Conference
 - February 22, 2019, from MACC – regarding AEC eMACC - News Flash - New Climate Change Workshop added to the MACC Annual Conference!!
 - February 23, 2019, from John Fuhrman, VHB – regarding East Street Bridge
 - February 24, 2019, from MACC – regarding Last Call for Registration, MACC's Annual Environmental Conference, March 2, in Worcester, MA!
 - February 25, 2019, from Kestrel Land Trust – regarding Get Up Close to the Biggest Plants on Earth and more
 - February 25, 2019, from Emmanuel Owusu (ENV) – regarding Outstanding CRs for CPA-funded Projects in Southampton
 - February 26, 2019, from Paul Catanzaro, UMass – regarding MassWoods: NEW Legacy Planning Tool, 30 years of Keystone, Grant recipients announced, Town forest spotlight
 - February 26, 2019, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 02/19/2019 SWPPP inspection report
 - February, 27, 2019, from Pat Beaudry, PVPC – regarding Pioneer Valley Progress Report: February 2019
 - February 28, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Daily Digest Bulletin
 - March 1, 2019, from Meghan Stewart, Solitude Lake Management – regarding Pequot Pond OOC extension request, DEP#289-0176
 - March 1, 2019, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 02/25/2019 SWPPP inspection report
 - March 1, 2019, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - March event, spotted lanternfly, and much more!
 - March 3, 2019, from Sofia Bitzas, R. Levesque Associates, Inc. – regarding 0 Russellville Road _ Request for Continuance to March 18
 - March 4, 2019, from Meghan Stewart, Solitude Lake Management – regarding Pequot Pond OOC extension request, DEP#289-0176
 - March 4, 2019, from MassWildlife – regarding Trout stocking, black bears, Tom French retires, and more
- Hard Copy**
- Certified mail postmarked February 12, 2019 from Atty. Amanda Zedonis-Kemp - regarding request for Chapter 61A waiver of right to first refusal for 2 and 4 Woodmar Ln
 - From Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust – regarding Save the Date, Saturday, April 27, for 2019 MA Open Space Conference

Tentative Future Meetings: March 18, April 1, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15

Adjournment

7:53 Motion to adjourn made by J. Piper, seconded by C. Axthelm. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) Yes votes.