

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – April 1, 2019
Southampton Town Hall – First Floor Meeting Room

Present: Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Matt Fletcher, Joy Piper, Tony Zaharias, Charlotte Axthelm (arrived 6:45), Brittany Taylor

Absent: None

Public Present: Terry Hooper, for 18 Bluemer Rd
George Duncan, 163 Russellville Rd
Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc
Robert Fletcher, 22 Gun Rd
Kate Raymond, 145 Glendale Rd
Mark Raymond, 145 Glendale Rd
Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque Associates, Inc
Mark Wamsley, Kestrel Land Trust
Robert Riggs, 88 Pleasant St

6:00 Call meeting to order

Open Time to the Public

Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. gave a copy of the letter confirming work completed at 59 Brickyard Rd Ext which was needed for issuing the Certificate of Compliance, to be scheduled.

Motion made to change the order of the agenda by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Piper. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

6:01 RDA, 67 Pomeroy Meadow Rd, Applicant John & Donna Gwosch, Representative: Heritage Surveys, Inc.

M. Hanc opened the Public Meeting for the RDA by reading the legal notice which had been run in the March 22, 2019 edition of the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

The proposed project involves the construction of a 4 bedroom single family dwelling with an attached 3 car garage, patio, decks, and an above ground pool. Temporary excavation work and a portion of the pool and deck will be within the 100' buffer to a BVW at 67 Pomeroy Meadow Rd, Assessors Map 12/Lot 25 and Map 13/Lot 81.

A \$143.53 check for the legal notice was given to A. Lawrence. M. Reed explained that the Gwosch's were changing the design of the house, so updated plans would be forthcoming. He requested to continue the public meeting until the May 6 Conservation Commission meeting.

6:07 Motion to continue public meeting to May 6, 2019 made by J. Piper, seconded by A. Lawrence. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

Site visit scheduled for May 4, 2019 at 11:00 AM

6:07 NOI DEP#289-0212, Glendale Road Reconstruction

On March 20, a pre-construction meeting was held with MassDOT representatives, Jeff Dugas (Geeleher Enterprises, Inc.), Highway Superintendent Randall Kemp, J. Piper, and M. Hanc. J.

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Dugas said the project was expected to be completed in May, 2020. The Fletchers should contact him with any questions regarding access to the Szczypta Conservation Farm fields.

On March 25, M. Hanc and A. Lawrence reviewed the installed erosion control silt socks, followed by M. Hanc speaking with J. Dugas about the erosion control. The NOI DEP# sign had been installed, and the Szczypta Conservation Farm signs had been removed to prevent damage to them. They will be stored at the Highway Garage.

Stewardship Projects

6:11 Szczypta Conservation Farm

Robert Fletcher spoke with the Commission about some of his plans for the Szczypta Conservation Farm for the coming year. He will work with Kestrel to install the replacement kestrel nest box at a different location, work on cleaning out the ditches within the front parcels, and contact D. Cameron (MassDEP) about a crossing in the back parcel. He is looking into using the barn for storage, and will repair the wind damage to the barn door so it can be locked. The “FOOT TRAFFIC ONLY” signs will be installed to further indicate that only non-motorized recreation is allowed on the farm’s fields. A \$150.00 check for the 2019 license fee was given to Treasurer A. Lawrence.

6:18 Clearwater Woodland Conservation Area

Abutters to the 111 Glendale Road property, Mark and Kate Raymond, had been asked to describe their use of that property. The trails have been used and maintained by community members. Concerns for liability were brought up. The Raymonds are willing to maintain the trails for continued use by pedestrians and horses. There is not a conflict since the trails must be open to the public, and volunteer trail work is always welcomed.

6:45 C. Axthelm arrived

The Commission discussed what recreational activities would be allowed on the property so that the wording could be completed for the sign. Other Commission managed properties do not allow motorized recreational vehicles. Some members of the Commission felt that snowmobiles should be allowed.

6:52 Motion for sign wording to not include permitted use of snowmobiles made by A. Lawrence, seconded by T. Zaharias. Motion passed with four (4) Yes votes and three (3) No votes (M. Fletcher, C. Axthelm, J. Piper).

Estimate for signs from Puffer Printing are under \$1,000 each.

6:55 Motion to spend up to \$2,000 for signs made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Piper. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) Yes votes.

6:58 Pomeroy Mt/Durell’s Path

Work to add monuments and blaze the property lines is to begin this week. The plan from the survey needs to be recorded at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, cost is \$75.

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7:00 Motion to spend \$75 to record plan made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Piper. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) Yes votes.

J. Piper will take the mylar copy of the plan to the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

7:03 Wolf Hill Sanctuary

As a function of the Open Space Committee's Neighborhood Outreach project, there will be a Nature Hike on Saturday, May 11 at the Wolf Hill Sanctuary. The loop trail should be checked weekly prior to that date to be sure the trail is in good condition. There is at least one tree down, brush to weed whack, and the trail should be marked.

7:06 Manhan Meadows Sanctuary

The originally contracted tree work had been completed, about a half day's work is remaining due to additional storm damage. The estimate for the remaining work is \$1,750. Commission members will check the condition of the trees along the trail since there have been a number of wind storms.

Enforcement Order

41 Valley Rd
Nothing new to report.

New Business

7:08 RDA, 18 Bluemer Rd, Applicant: Karen Pasquini, Representative: Terry Hooper
M. Hanc opened the Public Meeting for the RDA by reading the legal notice which had been run in the March 22, 2019 edition of the Daily Hampshire Gazette. The proposed project is to replace a failed septic system within the 100' buffer to a BVW at 18 Bluemer Rd, Assessors Map 44-B/Lot 25. A check for \$75 for the local fee had been received with the RDA application. A \$111.64 check for the legal notice was given to A. Lawrence. The site visit on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 PM was attended by B. Searle, C. Axthelm, T. Zaharias, M. Fletcher, and M. Hanc. B. Searle will put up flagging to indicate the edge of the wetland area and the 50 ft line from the wetland for clarifying the limit of work and placement of erosion controls.

7:15 Motion to issue a Negative 3 with Southampton Conditions made by T. Zaharias, seconded by C. Axthelm. Motion passed with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) Abstention (J. Piper)

Three copies of WPA Form 2 were signed.

7:16 Old Business

Conservation Restriction – 88 Pleasant St., Applicant: Robert and Denise Riggs,
Representative: Mark Wamsley, Kestrel Land Trust

J. Piper asked about the specifics of a potential building on the site in the future. The building would be for storage related to agricultural work.

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7:20 Motion to support the Riggs' CR application to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Division of Conservation Services (DCS) made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Piper. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) Yes votes.

M. Hanc signed the letter of support.

7:22 NOI DEP#289-0216 - continued, 0 Russellville Rd, Applicant: Sergey & Anna Kafanov; Representative: R. Levesque Associates, Inc.

The site visit on March 28, 2019 to check soil samples for confirming the wetlands boundary was attended C. Axthelm, T. Zaharias, K. Leigh (Westfield Conservation Agent), R. Nelson (R. Levesque Associates, Inc), and M. Hanc.

R. Nelson presented the updated plans showing the revised wetland delineation and replication area. The proposed driveway location will include +/-44 sq ft of the BVW in Southampton. A replication area of +/-71 sq ft will be created on the Westfield portion of the parcel (DEP#333-0772). Invasive species in the wetland lobe will be removed. The Westfield Conservation Commission's next meeting to review the project is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019. R. Nelson requested that the Southampton public hearing be continued to May 6, 2019.

7:36 Motion to continue public hearing to May 6, 2019 made by J. Piper, seconded by T. Zaharias. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) Yes votes.

New Business - continued

7:37 Chapter 61B - Request for waiver of option to purchase #62 Pomeroy Meadow Road, Representative: Attorney Karen Adamski

The Commission had voted on January 7, 2019 to support the Board of Water Commissioner's project to purchase the 15 acre property formerly known as 68 Pomeroy Meadow Rd, (Map 13/Lot 82). The Water Commissioners had applied for a Drinking Water Grant. On January 9, 2019 the Planning Board approved an ANR to divide the parcel into five building lots. On March 12, 2019, Prof. Robert Newton spoke to a joint meeting of the Select Board, Board of Water Commissioners, and Open Space Ad Hoc Committee of the significance of keeping land with these hydro-geological properties open.

7:45 Motion to recommend to the Select Board that the Town not waive the right to first refusal for the property at 62 Pomeroy Meadow Road made by M. Fletcher, seconded by J. Piper. The motion passed with six (6) Yes votes and one (1) No vote (A. Lawrence).

7:47 Regular Business

Review minutes from March 18, 2019

7:48 Motion to accept minutes as presented made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Piper. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) Yes votes.

7:49 Treasurer's Report

Balance in Conservation Account \$5,744.66, balance in Hazel Young account \$20,116.79.

Signatures - None.

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Correspondence

Email

- March 19, 2019, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding FY 2020 Budget Requests
- March 19, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Baker-Polito Administration Announces Availability of \$10 Million in Climate Change Funding to Cities and Towns
- March 19, 2019, from C. Axthelm to W. Marek – regarding List of Wetlands Plants for 7 High St
- March 20, 2019, from Mark Wamsley, Kestrel Land Trust – regarding Riggs CLTC Application
- March 20, 2019, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding Volunteer Application
- March 20, 2019, from Lyndon Tree Care & Landscaping – regarding Tree Work Status
- March 20, 2019, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - next week's workshop, and other great stuff!
- March 20, 2019, from MACC – regarding MACC: PHISHING ALERT - UPDATE
- March 21, 2019, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 03/18/2019 SWPPP inspection report
- March 22, 2019, from Jeffrey Dugas, Geeleher Enterprises, Inc. – regarding installation of erosion control along Glendale Road
- March 22, 2019, from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission – regarding Smart Growth Save the Date May 9th
- March 23, 2019, from Kestrel Land Trust – regarding Old Forests, Secret Pools, & How to Save Them
- March 25, 2019, from Matthew Doyon – regarding Lyman Pond NOI
- March 25, 2019, from John Collins – regarding Hampton Ponds Water
- March 25, 2019, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 03/25/2019 SWPPP inspection report
- March 26, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding REMINDER: Upcoming massFM training event in Springfield April 11 at 1:00 in person or webinar
- March 26, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Daily Digest Bulletin
- March 26, 2019, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. – regarding Gwosch, 67 Pomeroy Meadow Road, RDA filing with plans (reschedule)
- March 26, 2019, from Jeffrey Dugas, Geeleher Enterprises, Inc. – regarding Glendale Road Reconstruction (erosion control)
- March 28, 2019, from MHP – regarding Register now for April trust roundtable & May CPA training
- March 29, 2019, from Pat Beaudry, PVPC – regarding Pioneer Valley Progress Report: March 2019
- March 29, 2019, from Cindy Palmer – regarding Receiving the LAND grant money
- April 1, 2019, from MHP - Reminder: Register for April fair housing marketing & lotteries training

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- April 1, 2019, from Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque Associates, Inc. – regarding Kafanov - 0 Russellville Rd, Southampton/Westfield - Revised NOI Plans -2019-3-29
- April 1, 2019, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. – regarding Marcyoniak, 59 Brickyard Road Extension – request for COC
- April 1, 2019, from MassWildlife – regarding Trout stocking, spring amphibians, mussels, and more!
- April 1, 2019, from Jonathan Jay – regarding Tree work within wetland and buffer zone on property of 61 Coleman Road
- April 1, 2019, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. – regarding Gwosch, 67 Pomeroy Meadow Road, RDA filing with plans

Hard Copy

- Certified mail from Eversource postmarked March 19, 2019 notifying Municipal Officials of selective application of herbicides along the power line rights-of-way.
- Certified mail postmarked March 21, 2019 from Atty. Karen Adamski - regarding request for Chapter 61B waiver of right to first refusal for Lot 2E (62) Pomeroy Meadow Rd
- Notice of recording of WPA Form 7, Extension Permit for Orders of Conditions, DEP#289-0205, 7 High St, Book 13220/Page 238

Any other necessary business that cannot await the May 6, 2019 regular Conservation Commission meeting.

None.

8:00 Forest Management Article

Informative postcard handouts – private funding can be used to print.

Tentative Future Meetings: May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 5 & 19

Adjournment

8:06 Motion to adjourn made by J. Piper, seconded by M. Fletcher. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) Yes votes.