

Southampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting – January 11, 2021  
Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 854 0771 7239

**Present via Zoom:** Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Joy Piper (logged in at 6:40pm), Brittany Taylor, Dan LaValley, Mike Reed, Anna Breen (logged in at 6:20pm)

**Absent:**

**Public Present via Zoom:**

Chris Fowles, Select Board  
Diana Federman, Associate ConCom Member  
Cindy Palmer, 71 Glendale Rd  
Janet Brown, 14 High St

**6:09pm Meeting called to order**

No items

**Old Business**

**6:10pm Enforcement Order, 32 High St, update**

On 12/28/2020, M. Hanc noticed an excavator digging within the buffer zone and called B. Sparkle who in turn called G. Felton. On 12/29/2020 M. Hanc issued an Enforcement Order to cease and desist work in the buffer zone until a plan is approved under the NOI for DEP# 289-0233 and the Order of Conditions are issued. On 12/30/2020, M. Hanc spoke with B. Monahan in the morning and G. Felton in the afternoon at the site. The Building Commissioner issued a stop work order on 12/31/2020.

**6:19pm** Motion to ratify Enforcement Order made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley. Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Hanc (aye).

**Stewardship Projects**

**6:21pm Conservation Restrictions**

The Wolf Hill Sanctuary CR was acquired by the Commission in 2009. At that time, a baseline CR document was created. A subsequent monitoring report has not been done. The Commission should consider having a report created to evaluate the current conditions. An estimate of \$550 was provided by Pete Westover, Conservation Works, LLC.

It was suggested that in the future, the Conservation Commission should include the cost of CR monitoring reports in the budget.

**6:26pm** Motion to hire Pete Westover to create a monitoring report for Wolf Hill Sanctuary made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Reed.

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

**6:28pm Forestry Work update**

Due to wet roadway conditions on the mountain, the cleanup from the logging on the Pomeroy Mt conservation property will have to wait until the spring. Forester Tom Jenkins plans to be working on the Forest Cutting Plan for the Alice Brown Conservation Area in the near future.

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**6:29pm Manhan Meadows Sanctuary RTP Grant Project**

Motion to appoint Diana Federman as Conservation Commission representative to the Open Space Committee made by D. LaValley, seconded by A. Breen.

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

**2020 RTP Grant**

Checks for \$250 were received for benches from the Friends of the COA and the Southampton Woman's Club. On January 7, D. Federman, Dick O'Brien, Timothy Craig (Student Conservation Association Program Manager), and M. Hanc spoke about the possibility of having an SCA crew come in for 10 days in the summer to do work with whomever gets the bid. SCA labor is less expensive since prevailing wages are not required, so more work could be done with the funding available.

**2021 RTP Grant**

More grant applications have been submitted this year than last year so far. Usually not more than one large grant per year per city/town is awarded. Does the Commission wish to apply for the full \$50,000 for the new bridge to cross the Manhan at the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary, or apply for a lesser amount to complete trail work of the Brickyard Rd Ext side of the river instead?

Janet Brown (CPC) - CPC is looking for projects and would welcome a proposal. She also offered the space under her pavilion for storage of a few benches.

**6:54pm** Motion to apply for the 2021 RTP Grant for the bridge replacement made by B. Taylor, seconded by D. LaValley.

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

**6:56pm** Motion to have M. Hanc review the RTP Grant application to be prepared by D. Federman for submission prior to February 1, 2021 made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Reed.

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

PVPC is applying for an RTP Grant to develop a trail app and is looking for match funding of \$2,500 or volunteer time. There would be a \$500/year maintenance cost in subsequent years.

There was discussion about the relevance of a new trail app in relation to various apps already available to users. A concern was raised about the additional cost and the challenges of obtaining the required volunteer time and funding by January 19, the date requested by PVPC for the support.

**7:18pm** Motion to pass on providing letter of support and funding to PVPC and notifying Ed Gibson made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley.

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

**Maps of Conservation property locations**

A request was made of a Commission member to provide assistance with maps of Conservation properties. The Commission does not have the resources for this activity. The existing trail and properties maps are available on the Commission's web page. The OSRP also has maps.

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**Trail work elsewhere**

Should the Commission hire the SCA to work with Tom Jenkins to build out the trail on the Commission's Pomeroy Mt property in the summer? Sufficient funding is available from the logging proceeds.

**7:28pm** Motion to use SCA for the trail work at Pomeroy Mountain made by D. LaValley, seconded by J. Piper.

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

**Regular Business**

**Review minutes from December 21, 2020**

**7:34pm** Motion to accept December 21 minutes as amended made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley.

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

**7:35pm Treasurer's Report**

Balance in Conservation Revolving Fund (Act # 255200.021) = \$9,412.85

Balance in Wetland Protection (Act # 245100.020) = \$3,912.50

**Signatures**

- Conservation Revolving Fund (Act 3255200.021, SCC-FY21-P16)
  - Payable to Daily Hampshire Gazette for 32 High St NOI legal notice, \$191.10

**7:56pm** Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by B. Taylor, seconded by A. Breen.

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

**Correspondence**

**Email**

- December 23, 2020, from Pat Beaudry – regarding Pioneer Valley Progress Report: December 2020
- December 23, 2020, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding December 23, 2020 MassDEP Western Region Circuit Rider Newsletter
- December 23, 2020, from Bucky Sparkle, The Zengineer – regarding Felton drainage
- December 24, 2020, to Bucky Sparkle, The Zengineer – regarding Follow Up on 32 High St
- December 24, 2020, from Bucky Sparkle, The Zengineer – regarding Stormwater O & M plan for 32 High St
- December 28, 2020, from Luci Dalton, Town Clerk – regarding Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest regulations
- December 29, 2020, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FW: [massFM] Upcoming Webinar: USACE Call for Proposals
- December 30, 2020, from Jon Lumbra – regarding 318 College Hwy Request for Modification
- December 30, 2020, from Joey Wigglesworth, MACC – regarding Happy New Year 2021!
- December 31, 2020, from Ron Laurin, Building Commissioner – regarding 32 High St Cease and Desist

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- December 31, 2020, from Luci Dalton, Town Clerk – regarding Open Meeting and Ethics
- January 2, 2021, to Cheryl Fletcher – regarding Working with David Cameron from DEP
- January 3, 2021, from Citizen Forester - January 2021 DCR Citizen Forester Newsletter
- January 3, 2021, from Tom Jenkins, Blue Dog Forestry – regarding Southampton update
- January 3, 2021, from Pete Westover – Pictures from Clearwater Woodland Conservation Area
- January 4, 2021, from Francine Tishman – regarding Friends of Southampton COA contribution
- January 5, 2021, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Two-day training in New England- Introduction to the Community Rating System (CRS) in February 2021- REGISTER NOW Limited Space
- January 5, 2021, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Free NOAA Webinar on Stormwater Design and Flooding Management in a Changing Climate
- January 6, 2021, from Paul Catanzaro, UMass – regarding MassWoods: Upcoming webinars, conferences, and grant opportunities
- January 6, 2021, from Joey Wigglesworth – regarding MACC Free Event: Climate Conversations Series tomorrow at 11am
- January 6, 2021, from Martha Leamy, Town Assessor – regarding FY21 Chapter Land
- January 7, 2021, from MassWildlife – regarding New Land Acquisition, Wildlife in Winter, Icefishing, and more
- January 8, 2021, from John Root – regarding Zoom presentation of "Attracting Birds, Butterflies, Bees, and Other Beneficials"
- January 10, 2021, from Patty Gambarini, PVPC – regarding On-line trails app – invitation

**Hard Copy**

- Winter 2020 Northern Woodlands, A New Way of Looking at the Forest
- Your Valley, Conserve | Care | Connect, Winter 2020-2021, Kestrel Land Trust

**Any other necessary business that cannot await the February 1, 2021 regular Conservation Commission meeting.**

None.

**Other Site Visits**

None.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates (subject to change)**

02/01/2021, 03/01/2021, 03/15/2021, 04/05/2021, 05/03/2021, 05/17/2021, 06/07/2021, 06/21/2021

**Adjournment**

7:57pm Motion to adjourn made by A. Lawrence, seconded by A. Breen.

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