

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – November 18, 2019
Southampton Town Hall – First Floor Meeting Room

Present: Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Tony Zaharias, Brittany Taylor

Absent: Joy Piper

Public Present: Chris Fowles, Select Board
Janelle & Dante Fini, 12 Wyben Rd
Denise & Robert Riggs, 88 Pleasant St
Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc

6:00 Meeting called to order

Open Time to the Public

No members of the public spoke.

New Business

Certificate of Compliance, DEP# 289-0209 12 Wyben Rd, Dante Fini

The project was for the construction of a 30' x 32' garage and installation of a 500-gallon underground propane tank. The site visit on November 11, 2019 was attended by Dante Fini, A. Lawrence, and M. Hanc. A letter from Belco Construction Co., Inc stating that the project followed the approved plan was received on November 14, 2019. A check for the COC fee of \$50.00 was received with the WPA Form8a.

6:01 Motion to issue Certificate of Compliance made by A. Lawrence, seconded by B. Taylor. Motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.

Two copies were signed, one copy of the COC was handed to D. Fini; a copy will be emailed to DEP.

6:03 NOI DEP# 289-0223 – 88 Pleasant St, Applicant: Robert & Denise Riggs, Representative: Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc

M. Hanc opened the public hearing and read the legal notice which had been printed in the November 8, 2019 edition of the Daily Hampshire Gazette. The proposed work involves the construction of a 10' wide by 384' long farm access driveway at 88 Pleasant St, Assessors Map 25/Parcel 88. A check for \$127.43 was received for payment of the legal notice. NOI fees of \$100 and \$67.50 had been received previously. The site visit on November 11, 2019 was attended by M. Reed, R. Riggs, T. Zaharias, A. Lawrence, and J. Piper.

Comments received from DEP with the assignment of the DEP NOI number were addressed by Mark Reed in writing and at the meeting. The REVISED Plan dated 11/12/19 was reprinted with the contour layer to help clarify the design. A map showing the wetland delineation of the property's access from Line St was presented. The tree to be removed will be replaced by a native tree species. Boulders used to denote the previous limit of work and landscaping will be moved. There will be excavation to 14" below subgrade, to be filled with 12" of gravel, then topped with 2" of loam to be seeded. The replicated wetland will be 20 sq. ft larger than the wetland it is replacing.

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6:15 Motion to close public hearing made by T. Zaharias, seconded by A. Lawrence. Motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.

6:16 Motion to issue Order of Conditions with additional Southampton Special Conditions made by A. Lawrence, seconded by T. Zaharias. Motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.

Two copies of the OOC were signed, one was handed to R. Riggs; a copy will be emailed to DEP.

Stewardship Projects

6:17 Volunteers

No volunteer work has been scheduled at this time.

Regular Business

Discuss consideration of a Wetland Protection Bylaw - Enforcement Orders

Without a Wetlands Protection Bylaw, there is little the Conservation Commission can do beyond issuing Enforcement Orders for violations of the Wetlands Protection Act. The possibility of creating a succinct bylaw structure using Hadley's as a model was reviewed. The ability to fine violators who do not respond to an Enforcement Order as well as to be reimbursed if the EO is recorded at the Registry of Deeds will be brought to the Town's Bylaw Committee.

6:45 OSRP Update

Representative B. Gutermuth – nothing to update.

MPIC Update

Representative B. Taylor – nothing to update, meeting at 7:00 PM today, 11/18/2019

CPC Update

Representative J. - the Howland Conservation Area CR transfer to the Kestrel Land Trust has not been completed yet. There seems to be a question if the remaining funds for the 111 Glendale Rd acquisition project could be used for this purpose.

Review minutes from November 4, 2019

6:48 Motion to accept November 4 minutes as presented made by A. Lawrence, seconded by B. Taylor. Motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.

6:49 Treasurer's Report

A. Lawrence suggested that rather than hire someone to determine what needs to be done to clear the fallen trees at the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary so we can get estimates for the cleanup costs, a member of the community could walk the trail with representatives from prospective tree work companies. If the walk was scheduled so all could attend at the same time, everyone would hear and see the same thing. Estimates are needed to request funds from the Community Preservation Committee prior to the Special Town Meeting in early 2020 or for a Trail Grant Application which is due February 1, 2020.

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Conservation Revolving Fund (Act #245200.021) = \$5,920.60
111 Glendale Rd Conservation Area (Act #285100.865) = \$20,925.26

Signatures

- Conservation Revolving Fund (Act #245200.021, SCC-FY20-P6)
 - Payable to Daily Hampshire Gazette for Public Meeting notices - \$335.80
 - Payable to Britany Taylor for MACC Fundamentals Unit 103 - \$55.00
 - Payable to Britany Taylor for MACC Fundamentals Unit 202 - \$55.00

6:54 Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report made by B. Taylor, seconded by T. Zaharias. Motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.

Correspondence

Email

- November 5, 2019, from Lisa Narkiewicz, Heritage Surveys, Inc – regarding Riggs-88 Pleasant Street
- November 6, 2019, from Paul Catanzaro, UMass – regarding MassWoods: Forest Carbon, UMass Silviculturist, Outreach Grant
- November 7, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FEMA IGA Advisory: FEMA Defers the Implementation of Risk Rating 2.0
- November 11, 2019, from Joey Wigglesworth, MACC – regarding FREE: MACC Lunch & Learn Webinar: This Tuesday, Nov 12th at Noon. Topic: Riverfront Area & WPA
- November 11, 2019, from Chase Bernier – regarding MACC Workshop – Protecting Wildlife Habitat
- November 12, 2019, from Scott Jackson, UMass – regarding UMass is seeking forest conservation contacts
- November 12, 2019, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc – regarding Riggs–88 Pleasant St
- November 13, 2019, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc – regarding Riggs–88 Pleasant St, REVISED Plan of Proposed Farm Access Driveway, dated 11-12-19
- November 13, 2019, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP next week’s lunchtime talk, burning conservation question, great resources, and much more!
- November 14, 2019, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Southampton - DEP File Number 289-0223 - 88 Pleasant Street
- November 14, 2019, from Cori-Garrett-Goodyear (DCR) – regarding New cutting plan in Southampton for Holyoke Water Works
 - Acres 15, Vol. MBF 66.844, Vol. Cds. 54, Vol. Tons 65, Plan Preparer Mary K. Wigmore, Timber Harvester Roberts Bros. Lumber (Bid), DCR File Number 276-22495-20
- November 14, 2019, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Workshop - Rivers & Roads Training
- November 17, 2019, from Connor Gibbs – regarding Inquiry About Breakneck Hill
- November 18, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding WEBINAR: Policy Solutions for Local Flood Risk

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- November 18, 2019, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding MassDOT Fluvial Geomorphology Trainings
- November 18, 2019, from Nicole Krut – regarding 81 CROOKED LEDGE RD SOUTHAMPTON, MA 01073
- November 18, 2019, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys. Inc – regarding Riggs-88 Pleasant Street- NOI DEP response letter

Hard Copy

None.

6:55 Any other necessary business that cannot await the December 2, 2019 regular Conservation Commission meeting.

A typographical error was made in the OOC for DEP#289-0222, 151 East St. OOC. The corrected page 3 was emailed to DEP, and two printed pages were brought to the Heritage Surveys office. The OOC had already been recorded with incorrect replication area size 2,059 square feet instead of 2,095 square feet.

Other Site Visits

None.

Upcoming Meeting Dates (subject to change)

12/2/2019, 12/16/2019, 01/06/2020, 02/03/2020,

6:56 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by A. Lawrence, seconded by T. Zaharias. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.