

Southampton Conservation Commission (SCC)

Meeting –March 13, 2017

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

Public Present: Dan and Heather Pellegrini, 76 Crooked Ledge Rd
Robert and Cheryl Fletcher, 22 Gunn Rd

7:02 **Meeting called to order**

7:02 **Open Time to the Public**

No members of the public spoke.

New Business

7:02 Mr. Lawrence recused himself from the meeting

7:02 **Silt fence condition, Crooked Ledge Road**

Ms. Hanc received email from the Planning Board that the silt fence on Crooked Ledge Rd near Quigley Road was damaged and subsequently from Mrs. Pellegrini that it had been repaired. Ms. Hanc asked for opinions of commissioners, who had driven by earlier in the week, on silt fence condition; all agreed that the silt fence is sufficient to prohibit erosion. Mr. Pellegrini confirmed that the fence will be removed as soon as vegetation is established in about 3 months. Fence is now in compliance with Conservation Commission NOI.

7:09 **Szczypta Farm Conservation Area – lease**

Mr. Barcomb moved to move item up in agenda to accommodate Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

Conservation Commission and Select Board signed the lease on March 7, 2017, Water Commission signed on March 8, 2017. Mr. Fletcher reported that he and the Water Commission agreed that the Fletchers would give advance notice of work to be done in Zone 1. Ms. Hanc noted that access may be restricted while Glendale Rd is being widened and the sidewalk is under construction.

7:10 Mr. Lawrence rejoined the meeting

7:13 **Annual Cedarhurst cleanup**

Janet Brown wrote to ask if she could address the plant growth in Cedarhurst with a possible fountain for circulation and beach raking prior to filling before Memorial Day 2017.

Mr. Barcomb moved to accept Ms. Brown's plan, Mr. Lawrence seconded. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

7:22 **State Ethics Requirements**

Ms. Hanc asked all commissioners to read and sign form to be returned to town.

Stewardship Projects

7:23 **Szczypta Barn**

Based on predicted storm, Ms. Hanc reported that the barn visit will be postponed until next week. No new information on barn estimates.

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7:26 Status of survey work/blazing

No new blazing or survey information.

7:27 Volunteers

Ms. Gutermuth reported a possible partnership with Southampton Library to run a program for the Summer Reading Program “Build a Better World” where volunteers would help with trail maintenance at Manhan Meadows.

Ms. Hanc asked that all commissioners sign the hold harmless forms before volunteering.

Ms. Gutermuth would like to start nature walks at different sanctuaries in town to educate and recruit volunteers.

7:29 Manhan Meadows plans

No new updates.

Old Business

7:29 Howland Conservation Area

On March 1, 2017 Community Preservation voted to allocate \$2000 to hire Atty. Adamski to handle legal issues related to Howland Conservation Area.

7:31 Shared Conservation Agent

At the March 6, 2017 meeting with Easthampton, Southampton, and PVPC representatives, it was determined that the intermunicipal agreement had to go before Easthampton’s City Council and Southampton’s Town Meeting. The next meeting, to be scheduled at end of March, will be to go over the job description.

7:33 Proposed Bylaw

Mr. Lawrence added key points to bylaw on vernal pools, conservation areas, and enforcement.

Mr. Barcomb asked that the definition of “vernal pool” be added to the bylaw. Updated bylaw will be added to the warrant for the town meeting in May.

Regular Business

7:48 Review minutes from February 27, 2017

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

7:50 Review minutes from March 7, 2017

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

7:50 Treasurer’s Report/Budget

A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made by Mr. Barcomb, seconded by Mr. Baker. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

7:51 Signatures

- SCC-FY17-P12 from Wetlands Protection (#825200.701)
 - Payable to Marla Hanc for MACC Conference, \$115.00
 - Payable to Art Lawrence for MACC Conference, \$115.00

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7:53 **Correspondence**

Email

- March 1, 2017, from PVPC Regional Information & Policy Center – regarding Allow us to reintroduce ourselves!
- March 1, 2017, from Paul Catanzaro (UMass) – regarding MassWoods: Last Call for Keystone Applications
- March 2, 2017, from Planning Board – regarding Condition of Silt Fence at Pellegrini Estates
- March 6, 2017, from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission – regarding Chris Curtis's Retirement Party
- March 6, 2017, from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission – regarding Final Call for 16th Annual CPTC Spring Conference Registration
- March 6, 2017, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding DEP Western Region Call in Nights
- March 6, 2017, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding DEP Western Region Circuit Rider News for March 2017
- March 7, 2017, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Revised FEMA Elevation Certificate
- March 7, 2017, from Janine Domina, Town Clerk – regarding Massachusetts Public Records Law took effect January 1, 2017
- March 8, 2017, from Heather Pellegrini – regarding Silt Fence – Quigley Road
- March 9, 2017, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Uploading National Flood Hazard Layer into your Google Earth application
- March 9, 2017, from Janine Domina, Town Clerk – regarding State Ethics Requirements
- March 9, 2017, from Nelly Kolesnik – regarding 4 Wyben Road
- March 10, 2017, from Sarah Spencer, Tighe & Bond – regarding Solar NOI inquiry
- March 10, 2017, from Dan Pellegrini – regarding Unauthorized silt fence

Hard Copy

- Letter from Janet Brown dated March 4, 2017 regarding Annual Cedarhurst cleanup
- Forest Cutting Plan from Mike Leonard, Consulting Forester for Henry Geryk, Jr. (Same as emailed plan 331-8572-17 sent by DCR in January, 2017)

8:10 **Records Requests**

- March 7, 2017, from Sarah Morin, Solitude Lake Management – regarding Pequot Pond, Southampton - Order of Conditions Extension Request

8:12 **Adjournment**

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

Tentative Future Meetings: March 27, April 10 & 24, May 8, June 5 & 19, 2017