

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – August 16, 2021
Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 813 3592 6733

Present via Zoom: Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Dan LaValley, Meaghan Kwiecinski
Absent: Brittany Taylor, Anna Breen

Public Present via Zoom:

Joy Piper, Select Board
Geri Jennings, 8 Old County Rd

6:03pm Meeting called to order.

6:03pm Open Time to the Public

No discussion from public.

Stewardship Projects

Manhan Meadows Sanctuary RTP Grant Projects

2020 RTP Grant

Concerned about not having contract signed yet, need to get NOI filed soon.

2021 RTP Grant

Have not yet received contract from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Management of Invasives

Heavy duty work is needed at Manhan Meadows Sanctuary. Considerable amount of work is needed at Whittemore Conservation Area. A relatively easy project for high school aged volunteers could be removing the plants growing on the bridge on Brittney Ln crossing Red Brook.

Trail Cleanup

There is a frequent need to cut back vegetation and move fallen branches. On Wednesday the 18th at 1:00 pm there will be an opportunity to meet the SCA manager Julia Graham and forester Tom Jenkins on the Pomeroy Mt. conservation property.

Marking Property Boundaries

There should be at least two people going out when attaching Conservation Commission boundary medallions to trees which have been blazed with purple paint. Volunteers could accompany a Commission member.

Signage

Funding is needed for signs. The trail sign at Wolf Hill Sanctuary needs to be reinstalled. It has been duct taped to a tree for several years.

Volunteer Coordination

There is always something that needs to be done and there are projects for all skill levels.

Regular Business

Representatives to other boards

MVP Rep B. Gutermuth – Nothing reported.

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Open Space Update

Representative D. Federman – Drinking water protection brochure was mailed to Southampton residents. They will have a table at Celebrate Southampton on August 14.

MPIC Update

Representative B. Taylor – Nothing reported.

CPC Update

Representative - M. Kwiecinski – M. Hanc noted that the Cemetery Commission might ask for CPC funding to repair the fence that had been damaged by a tree which had been struck by lightning. There are no Conservation Commission requests for CPC funding at this time.

Review minutes from August 2, 2021

6:21pm Motion to accept August 2 minutes as presented made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Kwiecinski.

Lawrence (aye), LaValley (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Hanc (aye).

Treasurer's Report

Totals:

Conservation General Fund (Act # 15171.700) - \$4,602

Signatures

- Mass Trails Grant Match (Act# 285100.874, SCC-FY22-P3)
 - Payable to Stockman Associates, Manhan Meadows Sanctuary NOI, \$3,500.00
- Conservation General Fund (Act # 015171.70, SCC-FY22-P4)
 - Payable to Marla Hanc, for recording Lyman Conservation Plan at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, \$105.00
- Conservation Revolving Account (Act# 254200.021, SCC-FY22-P5)
 - Payable to Daily Hampshire Gazette, for RDA legal notice for Wendy Allen ,11 Russellville Rd, \$191.96

6:26 pm Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by D. LaValley, seconded by M. Kwiecinski. Lawrence (aye), LaValley (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Hanc (aye).

6:28 pm Correspondence

Email

- August 4, 2021, from Regina Gillis, Interim Town Accountant – regarding New Account 285100.877 CC Manhan Meadows Phase II
- August 5, 2021, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding National Flood Insurance Program & floodplain management assistance
- August 6, 2021, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding NFIP RR2.0 Training for Agents by H20 Associates
- August 6, 2021, from Heather Pellegrini – regarding ORAD
- August 6, 2021, from Chris Volonte, Kestrel Land Trust – regarding RESEND - Kestrel Nest Box Project Summary 2021 - photos not distorted

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- August 9, 2021, from Joey Wigglesworth – regarding MACC Education e-Newsletter - August 2021
- August 10, 2021. From Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding UPDATE: Pre-Registration Required - 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Programs' Webinar Series
- August 10, 2021, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP summer tours, NHESP, Mosquitoes, Spotted Lantern Fly, Jobs, and More!
- August 11, 2021, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding New Climate Resilient Regulations Resource
- August 12, 2021, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding (Quick!) Survey on Historic Preservation Workshops
- August 13, 2021, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs (FEMA)
- August 13, 2021, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding MassDEP August 2021 Western Region Circuit Riders news update
- August 13, 2021, from David Cameron (DEP) – regarding Informal Site Meeting to Discuss Wetlands Permit Application
- August 14, 2021, from John Edwards – regarding Wayne Forest Cutting Plan
- August 16, 2021, from Cori Garrett-Goodyear (DCR) -regarding Extended harvesting for Boyle in Southampton
- August 16, 2021, from Steve Webb – regarding Stabilizing a shoreline

Hard Copy

- None

6:32pm Geri Jennings to Everyone via Zoom Chat

I've been listening in while I've been driving (sorry I couldn't unmute!), but I have to drop now to help a sick kid. it sounds like there are things we should connect on, you can always reach our group at fosos-board@googlegroups.com

Any other necessary business that cannot await the September 20, 2021, regular Conservation Commission meeting.

None

Other Site Visits

East Street Bridge, DEP#289-0226, preconstruction meeting to be held 9:00 am, Wednesday, August 18.

Cedarhurst, 14 High St, informal meeting with D. Cameron (DEP) to discuss permitting application to be held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, August 18.

Upcoming Meeting Dates (subject to change)

Depending upon what comes up in the next few weeks and the availability of the Commission members, the September meeting could be moved from the 20th to the 13th.

(09/13/2021 or 09/20/2021), 10/04/2021, 10/18/2021, 11/01/2021, 11/15/2021, 12/06/2021, 12/20/2021

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Adjournment

6:44 pm Motion to adjourn made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley.
Lawrence (aye), LaValley (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Hanc (aye).