

Southampton Conservation Commission (SCC)  
Meeting – October 6, 2014  
Southampton Town Hall Meeting Room

**Attendees:** Chairman Charlie McDonald, Treasurer Arthur Lawrence, Rick Thibault, Randall Kemp, Secretary Marla Hanc

**Absent:** Vice-Chairman Matthew Christy, Robert Barcomb,

**Public Present:** Associate Commissioner Courtney Haff, Easthampton  
Eric Boudreau, Conservation Works, LLC

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**7:00 Open Time to the Public**

No members of the public were present.

**Regular Business**

**7:00 Minutes**

The minutes from March 31, 2014 were unavailable for review.

The minutes from September 22,, 2014 were reviewed.

**7:05** A motion was made by Mr. Kemp to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

**7:06 Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Lawrence presented the Treasurer's report; the CC Expenses account has a balance of \$502.84 and the Wetlands Protection account has a balance of \$608.75. Heather Budrewicz, Town Administrator, found that the WB Mason Company website will be a less expensive source of good quality colored printer ink for Mr. McDonald's SCC use.

Signatures:

- SCC-FY-15-P6 from CC Expenses (#15170.700)
  - Payable to Charlie McDonald for ink and postage, \$52.75

**7:08** Mr. Kemp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

**7:18 Correspondence**

**Email:**

- September 23, 2014, from Ray Centeno, Graphic/Web Designer, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission – regarding Wolf Hill Brochure
- September 25, 2014, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding New regulations 310 CMR 10.00
- September 25, 2014, from Leanne Spaulding – regarding US Composting Council: Fall Membership Discount--ends Sept 30!
- September 25, 2014, from ELA Season's End Summit – November 12th – regarding Education, Inspiration, and Recertification Credits!
- September 26, 2014, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. – regarding Whittemore Survey Estimate
- September 26, 2014, from Eric Boudreau, Conservation Works, LLC – regarding Contract for Phase 1 Whittemore work
- September 26, 2014, from Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. – regarding The Environment in the Headlines

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- September 26, 2014, from US Composting Council – regarding Let's Make a Date to Compost in Texas Next January!
- September 26, 2014, from Jennifer Seredejko, AmeriCorps MassLIFT, Land Stewardship Coordinator, Kestrel Land Trust - regarding Kestrel Box Closing Notice
- September 26, 2014, from [dcr\\_greenways@state.ma.us](mailto:dcr_greenways@state.ma.us) regarding 2014 Massachusetts Trails Conference REGISTRATION
- September 26, 2014 from Mollie Freilicher, Community Action Forester – regarding Announcements from DCR Urban & Community Forestry
- September 29, 2014, from Solid Earth Technologies, Inc. – regarding Solution To Building Elevated Boardwalk In Wetlands
- September 29, 2014, from US Composting Council – regarding COMPOSTERS & Allies--We Need Your Support!
- September 30, 2014 from Al Rattie - regarding AmericanHort Partnership, Annual Report--Award Nominations are Due Today!!!
- September 30, 2014, from Charlie McDonald to Virginia Ahart, CPC Chair – regarding Compact for Conservation offered by PVPC
- September 30, 2014, from Environmental Compliance Services, Inc – regarding Register for the New England Storage Tank Conference
- October 1, 2014, from Daniel Rukakoski, PWS, CWS, PSS, Principal Environmental Scientist – Associate, Tighe & Bond – regarding 103 Glendale Rd.
- October 1, 2014, from Mollie Freilicher, Community Action Forester – regarding DCR October Citizen Forester Newsletter
- October 1, 2014, from Lauren Glorioso (FWE) – regarding RDA, 147 Russellville Rd, Southampton, NHESP 14-33599; the removal of these 7 trees appears to be exempt from MESA review (321 CMR 10.14)
- October 1, 2014, from Michael Ingraham – regarding RDA, 147 Russellville Rd, Southampton, NHESP 14-33599; waiting on the Highway Department to schedule a sub-committee meeting regarding the tree along the roadside.
- October 1, 2014, from Charlie McDonald to Heather Budrewicz, Town Administrator – regarding RDA, 147 Russellville Rd, Southampton, NHESP 14-33599; Tree removal at 147 Russellville Rd. to be approved by the Select Board
- October 3, 2014, from Environmental Compliance Services, Inc – regarding Are you in compliance with your RRP certification?
- October 5, 2014, from US Composting Council – regarding COMPOST2015: Will you be seen?
- October 6, 2014, from WB Mason Company – regarding Welcome to [wbmason.com](http://wbmason.com)
- October 6, 2014, from Janine Domina, Town Clerk – regarding Use of [Mytowngovernment.org](http://Mytowngovernment.org)

**Hard Copy:**

- From Edward Kontos III, LSP, Senior Project Manager, Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc., regarding Former Southampton Xtramart. GES has been conducting an in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) program at the former Xtramart station at 247 College Highway. They are looking to conduct an ISCO pilot test on a down-gradient portion of the site to evaluate the effectiveness of ISCO as a remedial approach in this area of the site. GES wants to confirm whether they will need an NOI for the two injection wells and three monitoring wells.

**7:14** After a technical explanation of the project, Mr. Kemp made a motion to not require a NOI for the project. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

- From Janine Domina, Town Clerk, directions for new Mytowngovernment website uploads.
- From Town Administrator, dated September 10, 2014, Information for Boards, Committees, Commissions, including October 21 Town Meeting.

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- From Heather Budrewicz, Town Administrator, to All Departments, Boards, Committees, and Commissions, regarding Request for Comment (Reviews & Opinions) – Special Permit, 74 Russellville Rd to allow for the storage of more than one unregistered vehicle.
- MASS Interchange, Fall 2014, Volume 28, Number 3, Baystate Roads brochure
- Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Executive Summary Pioneer Valley Environment Plan and Pioneer Valley Green Infrastructure Plan

### 7:21 Open Space Projects:

#### **Whittemore Project Review** – Eric Boudreau, Conservation Works LLC

Mr. Boudreau gave the SCC members an overview of his technical background including experience with the Easthampton Pomeroy Trail.

#### **Trail Design**

The redesign of the existing trails will address the risk and sustainability issues. The current location of stairs and paths is subject to erosion.

#### **NOI Data – Riverfront Area**

While on site doing the trail improvement/enhancement, technical wetland data will be gathered to be used in creating the NOI for a later project phase.

#### **Survey Information**

Work to build a parking area off Meadow Lane would require the boundaries be accurately marked, but that would be in a subsequent project phase. The re-working of trails in the center of the property does not require a survey. Trail markers should be different in appearance than property line markers. The SCC could consider the design of the markers used on the Pomeroy Trail.

#### **Select Board Review**

The Southampton Select Board will need to approve and sign the contract with Conservation Works LLC. Mr. McDonald will address the BOS on October 7.

The SCC prioritized the work to be done at the Whittemore Conservation Area.

1)

- Remove steps, re-route trails
- Eliminate grade level stream crossing, build bridge
- Relocate trail to vernal pool out of wetlands
  - Vernal pool should be registered
- Relocate eroding stream-side trail up to hill side
- Perform general maintenance (protruding roots, steep dip)

2)

- Plan Manhan River crossing, connection to Pomeroy
- Provide data for Notice of Intent

3)

- Mark Property boundaries

### 8:21 CPC Projects

#### **Szczypta Signs**

A warrant may be needed for the \$1,000 request for the new signs for the Szczypta Conservation Farm. Ms. Hanc suggested checking with Mr. Fletcher about work needed on the Szczypta barn.

#### **Stewardship Support**

\$5,000 will be requested for Manhan Meadows trail restoration.

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\$4,000 will be requested for the survey work on the Whittemore Conservation Area and Szczypa Conservation Farm.

**PVPC**

\$1,000 will be requested for the SCC website, including the hiking map incorporation, yearly fee, and incidental expenses related to maintaining a website.

**8:34 New/Old Project Issues**

**Pequot Road Complaint**

The abutters of 98 Pequot Road allowed Mr. McDonald access to their property to view and photograph the site in question. The site appeared to have been cleaned up.

**8:39** A motion was made by Mr. Thibault to send a letter to the owner of 98 Pequot Road, copied to the abutters, about the activities permitted in and around intermittent streams. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.

**8:40 Tree removed near Red Brook**

Mr. Kemp had been told that WMECO had removed the damaged tree which had been in close proximity to Red Brook, off of Gilbert Road. Utilities do not need to file for permits for routine maintenance.

**8:44 Part-time Conservation Agent: Easthampton Meeting & CIC Grant**

A meeting between PVPC, Heather Budrewicz, the Mayor of Easthampton, the Easthampton Planners, Selectman Ed Cauley, and Mr. McDonald was held on September 29. Easthampton's Mayor, Karen L. Cadieux, agreed to pursuing hiring a joint Conservation Agent to work under 18 hours per week, with 60/40 split between Easthampton and Southampton. A Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) Grant is being sought to cover the Conservation Agent's first year's pay.

**8 47** To accommodate Mr. Barcomb's work schedule, a motion was made by Mr. Kemp to change the meeting dates from November 3 & 17 to November 10 and from December 1 & 15 to December 8, 2014. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The motion passed with four (4) YES votes and one (1) NO vote (Ms. Hanc). Ms. Hanc stated that the November and December meeting dates had been published since the June 6 meeting minutes had been available.

**Next Meetings**

The next SCC meetings are planned for October 20, November 10, and December 8, 2014.

**8:51 Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Thibault to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kemp. The motion passed unanimously with five (5) YES votes.