

Southampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting – May 4, 2020  
Southampton Town Hall – Via Zoom

Time: May 4, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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646-558-8656 phone #

**Present via Zoom:** Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Joy Piper (logged in 7:05pm), Brittany Taylor (logged in 6:06), Dan LaValley, Mike Reed, Anna Breen (logged in 6:10pm)

**Public Present via Zoom:** Chris Fowles, Select Board  
Charlie McDonald, 45 Rattle Hill Rd  
Kristian Kasa, 11 Nicole Cir  
Don Leger, 28 Camp Jahn Rd  
Amanda Mahaney, SOLitude Lake Management  
Kara Sliwoski, SOLitude Lake Management  
Barbara Giroux, 37 Bluemer Rd  
Anne Shea, Pequot Pond  
Jack and Chris Padden, Pequot Pond  
Janet Sanuita, 25 Freyer Rd  
Les and Joanne Spath, 50 Cottage Ave  
Tom Gentile, 4 Bass Cove Rd  
Brian Desrochers, 54 Cottage Ave  
Rick Epstein, Pequot Pond

**6:00 Meeting called to order**

**Open Time to the Public**

Use of several Zoom functions for this meeting, including “raising hand” was mentioned.

**New Business**

**6:04 Extension of Orders of Conditions DEP# 289-0214, 71 Whiteloaf Rd, Applicant: Kristian Kasa**

The current Order of Condition will expire on October 23, 2020. An Enforcement Order was issued on July 17, 2019. A site visit on April 28, 2020, was attended by K. Kasa, D. LaValley, M. Reed, and M. Hanc.

**6:07pm** Motion to issue Extension Permit for DEP# 289-0214 Orders of Conditions to expire October 23, 2023 made by A. Lawrence seconded by M. Reed. Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Hanc (aye)

**6:09pm Certificate of Compliance (COC), DEP# 289-0176, Pequot, Applicant: SOLitude Lake Management**

The original Order of Conditions was issued in June 4, 2009. The OOC was extended several times and expired in 2019. The Commission had received annual reports from Aquatic Control Technology Inc. and later from SOLitude Lake Management.

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**6:12pm** Motion to issue Certificate of Compliance for DEP# 289-0176 made by B. Taylor, seconded by A. Lawrence. Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye)

**6:14pm Notice of Intent (NOI) DEP#289-0225, Pequot Pond, Applicant: Don Leger, Hampton Ponds Association, Representative: SOLitude Lake Management**

M. Hanc opened the public hearing and read aloud a portion from the advertisement which had been published in the April 27, 2020 edition of the Daily Hampshire Gazette. The proposed project is for an Aquatic Management Program at Pequot Pond to control nuisance plant and algae growth utilizing biological augmentation and treatment with USEPA/MA State registered aquatic herbicides, algacides, and other BMP's. Checks in the amounts of \$100.00 and \$262.50 have been received for the local NOI fee, and town's share of the state's NOI fee. The check for the legal notice for \$223.27, has not yet been received.

A. Mahaney spoke and explained the surveys she performs on Pequot Pond. A presentation was given on the various treatment options available and maps provided showing the density distribution of curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil. K. Sliwoski stated that there is no reason at this time to treat the entire body of water, only spot treatments are planned. She also stressed that only invasive species are of concern, although there are many native species present in large numbers in certain areas. K. Sliwoski went through the various treatment options including:

Endothall - effective on both curly-leaf and milfoil

- ProcellaCor - is a selective, systemic milfoil herbicide. The photolytic life is approximately 1 hour. She also noted that this was a first-choice option.
- Clearcast - used for control of watershield or waterlily growth, also on water chestnut. There is no bioaccumulation in sediment.
- Diquat (Reward) - this has been used previously, longer term control is possible.
- Fluridone (Sonar) - this is a whole pond treatment, usually 3-4 applications throughout the year
- Glyphosate (AquaPro) - for control of waterlilies, watershield
- Copper complex - used in the event of an algae bloom
- Algacides - used in the event of an algae bloom

Other available methods for weed control include use of benthic barriers and hand harvesting for small scattered areas.

M. Stinson's letter was reviewed, and the concern was raised of native species being removed. SOLitude representatives stated that there is no intention of removing native species. D. Leger of the Hampton Ponds Association spoke and gave a brief history of the invasive aquatic species problem. It initially began with just milfoil and, following treatment of about 50 acres, was brought under control. In that time, new species had taken hold in the pond. He mentioned that cost is a significant factor in their treatment decisions and the association would like to be able to address any new invasive species by having access to various products.

The Conservation Commission of the City of Westfield has not yet held their Public Hearing for the NOI under their DEP# 333-0790. The Southampton and Westfield Order of Conditions must be consistent. While in prior years Diquat was used, the proposed use of other herbicides raised some concerns to members of the Southampton Conservation Commission. The hiring of a third party

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to do a peer review of the proposed plan was suggested. The representative of the project was asked if they would continue the Public Hearing to May 18, during which time they can consider the peer review and wait to hear from Westfield's Conservation Commission. K. Sliwoski agreed to continue the Public Hearing to May 18.

**7:41pm** Motion to continue public hearing to 6:00 pm May 18, 2020 made by A. Lawrence seconded by D. LaValley. Lawrence (aye), Piper (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

**7:44pm Enforcement Order (EO)**

32 High St – ratify EO. After conferring with DEP, M. Hanc created and sent the EO voted on at the last meeting. Since she alone signed it as is allowed, it now must be ratified and signed by the other members of the Commission.

**7:47pm** Motion to ratify the EO for 32 High St made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley. Lawrence (aye), Piper (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

**7:48pm Stewardship Projects**

**Forest Management**

*Pomeroy Mt/Durell's Path & Alice Brown Conservation Area* – Nothing new from the forester.

**Clearwater Woodland Conservation Area**

Pete Westover completed the trail addition and blazed it. B. Taylor and A. Breen added more blazing and trail medallions. A small campsite is on the town property. The chairs are not a problem per se, but the campfire and alcohol consumption are. A portion of the Beagle Club fencing goes through wetlands. When they move the fencing off town property, they should file an RDA. M. Hanc checked with DEP and told Ed Gibson, Town Administrator. Signs with the property regulations need to be at the entry points in addition to the parking lot sign. How many signs are needed? How big should they be?

**Wolf Hill Sanctuary**

The water level in Alder Pond is lower than it had been for years. A blockage created by beavers in a standpipe was finally blown out by water pressure. M. Hanc had contacted Barry Searle and Sean Libbey about the water level since it had been questioned on Facebook and via emails. During the last Select Board meeting, C. Fowles reminded people that the Wolf Hill Sanctuary is private property and discussed the water level in the pond.

**8:09pm Volunteers**

J Piper requested that people doing work on properties managed by the Commission let us know.

**8:12pm Regular Business**

**Updates from Other Boards**

**Stormwater Code Review**

Representative A. Lawrence – Nothing for Commission to do at this time.

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**OSRP Update**

Representative B. Gutermuth – no update

**Open Space Update**

Representative C. McDonald and Cindy Palmer walked Pomeroy Mt/Durell's Path area. Open Space met via Zoom was held on April 16. They're working on a list of priority lands for conservation and discussed a few in particular. They're also working on a simple list of conservation options for reference in discussions with landowners. And they're inviting the Greenway chair to a meeting to discuss any lands of interest to them.

**MPIC Update**

Representative B. Taylor – C. Fowles - the PVPC consultant is to continue to assist with plans for a shorter survey. No items for the Conservation Commission.

**CPC Update**

Representative J. Piper – Meeting was held via Zoom on April 29. Nothing for Commission to do at this time.

**8:18pm Review minutes from April 13, 2020**

Motion to accept April 13 minutes as presented made by J. Piper, seconded by M. Reed. Lawrence (aye), Piper (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

**8:19pm Treasurer's Report**

\$335 was spent for 500 custom designed trail markers. More property boundary medallions are also needed.

Motion to spend up to \$500 on property medallions was made by J. Piper, seconded by D. LaValley. Lawrence (aye), Piper (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

**Signatures**

- Conservation General Fund (Act #015171.70, SCC-FY20-P14)
  - Payable to Art Lawrence for 500 Trail medallions from Voss Signs, \$335.00

**8:25pm** Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by B. Taylor, seconded by M. Reed. Lawrence (aye), Piper (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

**Correspondence**

**Email**

- April 13, 2020, from Melissa Kaplan, BSC Group – regarding Eversource RDA - 1657 OPGW Installation
- April 14, 2020, to Pete Westover, Conservation Works LLC – regarding Trail addition to 111 Glendale Rd

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- April 15, 2020, from Denise Barstow, Kestrel Land Trust – regarding Conservation Panel and Networking Event
- April 16, 2020, from MHP – regarding Register for local emergency rental assistance virtual training
- April 16, 2020, from Kristian Kasa – regarding Extension of OOC for 71 Whiteloaf Rd
- April 17, 2020, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array – 04/14/2020 SWPPP inspection report
- April 17, 2020, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - Covid19 Week 5 - Weekly Wednesday zoom meeting signup and more great Covid19 resources for conservation departments
- April 21, from Pete Westover, Conservation Works LLC – regarding Proposed trail route at 11 Glendale Rd
- April 21, 2020, from MHP – regarding Short Q&A to prep you for rent assistance training
- April 21, 2020, from Greg Felton – regarding 32 High t
- April 22, 2020, from Bryan Balicki, Sage Engineering and Contracting, Inc – regarding NHESP letter for 62 East St
- April 22, 2020, from Lindsay Martucci, MACC – regarding MACC's Spring 2020 Conservation Quarterly Magazine
- April 22, 2020, from Theresa York – regarding 31 Valley Rd
- April 23, 2020, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding eDEP Submittal Confirmation for DEP Transaction ID: 1191992 (Pequot Pond NOI)
- April 23, 2020, from Mark Stinson (DEP) - regarding Wetlands Update
- April 23, 2020, from MHP – regarding Law & orders to keep local gov going: What does it mean for housing
- April 24, 2020, from Chris Volonte, Kestrel Land Trust – regarding Kestrel Nest Box Update - April 2020
- April 24, 2020, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - Week 6: Weekly Wednesday zoom meeting signup and more great Covid19 resources for conservation departments
- April 24, 2020, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding There is still time to register for Monday's webinar: Impacts of a Changing Climate on Wetland Ecosystems
- April 27, 2020, from Sean Libbey (DCR) – regarding Alder Pond water level and timber harvest
- April 27, from David Johndrow – regarding Question about projected permit
- April 27, 2020, from Pete Westover, Conservation Works LLC – regarding new Conservation Works partner
- April 27, from Dave Kroll – regarding Alder Pond question
- April 27, 2020, from Tim Hopkins – regarding 6 Coleman Rd stump removal
- April 28, 2020, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Wetlands Update
- April 28, 2020, from Paul Catanzaro, UMass – regarding MassWoods: New publication, webinar, open space conference, & stumpage
- April 28, 2020, from Kimberly Robinson, PVPC – regarding A note of support and solidarity from your regional planning agency
- April 28, 2020, from Resident of Strong Rd – regarding Drainage of pond at Labrie Field

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- April 29, 2020 from Pete Westover, Conservation Works LLC – regarding Trail extension completed at 111 Glendale Rd
- April 30, 2020, from Pay Beaudry, PVPC – regarding Pioneer Valley Progress Report: April 2020
- April 30, 2020, from Daniel Cannata, VHB – regarding Notice of Intent Filing Deadlines
- May 1, 2020, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP -Week 7- Weekly zoom meeting sign up and more great Covid19 resources for conservation departments
- May 1, 2020, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Complaint Westfield Fw: Intake Westfield 4-30-20 0 Russellville Road
- May 1, 2020, from Meredith Borenstein, City of Westfield – regarding Complaint Westfield Fw: Intake Westfield 4-30-20 0 Russellville Road
- May 1, 2020, from Joey Wigglesworth, MACC – regarding Legislative Alert- Call to Action before Monday May 11, 2020
- May 1, 2020, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Westfield - DEP File Number 333-0790 - PEQUOT POND
- May 1, 2020, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Southampton - DEP File Number 289-0225 - PEQUOT POND
- May 1, 2020, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding transects for lake projects
- May 2, 2020, from Pete Westover, Conservation Works LLC – regarding Blazes done a new trail section of Clearwater Woodland Conservation area
- May 3, 2020, from Mark Mason and John Shea – regarding Pequot Road flooding
- May 4, 2020, from Joy Duperrault (DCR) – regarding Webinar: Impact of Anthropogenic Warming on an Emerging North American Megadrought
- May 4, 2020, from Joey Wigglesworth, MACC – regarding MACC: Education Update e-Newsletter May 2020

**Hard Copy**

- FedEx 4/15/2020, from Kimberly Swanson, BSC Group, RDA for Eversource Line 1657 OPGW Installation Project
- Postmark April 21, 2020, from Amanda Mahaney, Solitude Lake Management, NOI for Pequot Pond treatment

**Any other necessary business that cannot await the May 18, 2020 regular Conservation Commission meeting.**

**8:30pm Other Site Visits**

6 Coleman Rd, May 2, M. Hanc and Tim Hopkins. Question about removing tree stumps within 100' Buffer Zone and brush piles on and near stream bank left from previous owner. Options include issuing "Friendly" Enforcement Order for brush cleanup or owner filing an RDA for pulling stumps out instead of grinding them down.

Site visit for Eversource RDA to be scheduled.

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

05/18/2020, 06/01/2020, 06/15/2020

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**8:38pm - Vice-chair appointment**

Motion to appoint B. Taylor vice-chair was made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley. Lawrence (aye), Piper (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

**8:40 pm Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Reed. Lawrence (aye), Piper (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).