

Southampton Conservation Commission (SCC)  
Meeting –May 2, 2016  
Southampton Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

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

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

**Public Present:** Donald Leger, 28 Camp Jahn Rd.  
Carol Leger, 28 Camp Jahn Rd.  
Barbara Giroux, 60 Pequot Rd., Westfield  
Joseph Giroux, 60 Pequot Rd., Westfield  
Robert Fletcher, 22 Gunn Rd.  
Walter Marek, 73 Southampton Rd., Westhampton  
Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc.  
Jessica Marchesi, 1 Russellville Rd.  
Teresa Vogel, 53 Coleman Rd.  
John Vogel, 57 Coleman Rd.  
David Garstka, 41 Cold Spring Rd.

The meeting was called to order at **7:09 PM**

**7:09 Open Time to the Public**

Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc., representing W. Marek, Inc., presented the preliminary plans for 186 College Highway. The parcel was recently separated from a lot now know as 7 High Street. It was not clear in a second NOI would be needed for the work at 186 College Highway or if the original NOI should be used. Mr. Reed will confer with Mark Stinson (DEP) and let the SCC know the result of the discussion.

**7:19** Bob Fletcher, who hays the Szczypta Conservation Farm, noted that a large tree at the edge of one of the fields had fallen into the field. As routine farm maintenance work, he will be removing the fallen tree.

**7:21** Jessica Marchesi inquired about permitting requirements for an addition to a house which is within the riverfront of the Manhan River. A site visit will be arranged.

**7:25 Regular Business:**

**Review minutes** from March 21, 2016

**7:27** A motion to accept the minutes from March 21, 2016 as written was made by Mr. Lawrence and was seconded by Mr. McDonald. The motion passed with three (3) YES votes and one (1) abstention (Mr. Kemp).

**7:28 Treasurer's Report – FY 2016 Budget**

The balance in the Conservation Commission Expenses account is \$0, and the balance in the Wetlands Protection account is \$6,133.63.

**Signatures**

SCC-FY-16-P17 from Szczypta Signs - CPA (#285100.842)

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- Payable to Fleury Lumber for sign posts, \$ 94.40
- SCC-FY16-P18 from Wetlands Protection (#245100.020)
  - Payable to Charlie McDonald for postage, \$1.64
  - Payable to Charlie McDonald for flowers in memory of Helen Szczypa, \$89.69

**7:29** A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ms. Hanc and was seconded by Mr. Kemp. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

**7:30 Correspondence**

**Email**

- March 22, 2016, from Michele Grzenda – regarding Tomorrow's Brown Bag Event, April Annual Meeting Registration Open, and Rattlesnakes need your help!
- March 23, 2016, from Don Leger – regarding Hampton Ponds Weed Eradication Program Reports
- March 24, 2016, from Cori Garrett-Goodyear – regarding Final report for Southampton cutting plan – DCR # 276-6650-14 Russellville Road
- March 24, 2016, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. – regarding Garstka-Parcel #1, 61 Coleman Road NOI filing
- March 25, 2015, from Michael Lennon, Solitude Lake Management – regarding Request for Extension: Pequot Pond (DEP #289-176)
- March 28 2016, from David Cameron (DEP) – regarding Potential WPA Violation
- March 29, 2016, from David Cameron (DEP) – regarding Potential WPA Violation
- March 29, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Potential WPA Violation
- March 29, 2016, from MACC – regarding eMACC Advocacy Update - March 29
- March 30, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Southampton - DEP File Number 289-0207 for 61 Coleman Road
- March 31, 2016, from David Foulis (DEP) – regarding Receipt of Water Quality Certification Application for Transmittal Number X269447---Pellegrini Estates-Quigley Road, Southampton
- April 1, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding WERO Circuit Rider - Quick update
- April 1, 2016, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP April Events - Annual Meeting and New Conference Call Series Begins!
- April 1, 2016, from Michael Sacco, Esq. – regarding Manhan River
- April 1, 2016, from Peter Kocot – Rep. (HOU) – regarding Dam list
- April 1, 2016, from Peter Kocot – Rep. (HOU) – regarding Manhan River
- April 2, 2016, from Citizen.Forester@chl-mailsec-003.state.ma.us – regarding April DCR Citizen Forester Newsletter
- April 5, 2016, from Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife– regarding MassWildlife Monthly: April
- April 5, 2016, from Glenn West – regarding Lyman Mill Pond Dam
- April 5, 2016 from Amanda Lewis (DCR) – regarding Funding Southampton - Easthampton Bridge Project
- April 5, 2016, from Robert Levesque to David Foulis (DEP) – regarding Receipt of Water Quality Certification Application for Transmittal Number X269447---Pellegrini Estates-Quigley Road, Southampton

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- April 7, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding DEP Western Region Circuit Rider News for April 2016
- April 12, 2016, from MACC – regarding eMACC Education Update - April 12
- April 20, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding MassDEP Environmental Complaint Form – Southampton
- April 22, 2016, from MACC – regarding It's a Good Time to Register!
- April 26, 2016, from Ann Capra, Conservation Works LLC – regarding Western Mass Forest Legacy Area Proposal
- April 26, 2016, from MACC – regarding eMACC Advocacy Update - April 26
- April 27, 2016, from Heather Budrewicz – regarding BOS Update from Land Group
- April 27, 2016, from Amanda Lewis (DCR) – regarding NHESP
- May 2, 2016, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. – regarding Garstka-Parcel #1, 61 Coleman Road ~ NOI filing DEP file #289-0207
- May 2, 2016, from Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc. – regarding W. Marek, Inc. 186 College Highway, Southampton - existing house reconstruction
- May 2, 2016, from Jaimye Bartak, AICP, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission – regarding Update - Manhan sampling sites
- May 2, 2016, from Glenn West – regarding Dam Removal

**Hard Copy**

- Letter from Janet Brown requesting permission for annual cleanup of Cedarhurst near Potash Brook.
- Letter from Janet Brown expressing concern for compliance of restrictions in usage of commercially applied fertilizers or pesticides in areas near wetlands.
- From Planning Board, Plan of Land in Southampton, Massachusetts surveyed for W. Marek, Inc. (owner) dated April 6, 2016, Heritage Surveys, Inc.; Parcel 1 – 186 College Highway, Parcel 2 – new address 7 High Street
- From Westhampton Conservation Commission, dated April 8, 2016 - regarding Notification to Abutters for NOI at 35 East Shore Road, Westhampton
- PVPC – Save the Date, 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Thursday, June 9, 2016
- Mass Audubon Connections, April – June 2016, A Newsletter for the Members of Mass Audubon

**7:32 NOI 61 Coleman Rd.** DEP# 289-0207, Project Owner: David Garstka, Representative: Mark Reed, Heritage Survey Inc.

**7:33** Mr. Kemp left the meeting room.

The site visit on March 30, 2016 had been attended by Mr. Reed, Mr. Garstka, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Lawrence, and Ms. Hanc.. Mr. Reed gave the certification of the notification to abutters to Mr. McDonald. Mr. McDonald read the notice published in the March 29 Daily Hampshire Gazette. Checks were received for \$72.73 for the Gazette ad, \$262.50 for the State fee, and \$250.00 for the Local fee.

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The proposed project is for the construction of a single family dwelling which will require working within the one hundred foot buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Invasive brush at the edge of the field will be removed, but healthy tress will be retained. Members of the Vogel family discussed past flooding of their abutting property and were told that the site work would not increase the flooding.

**7:51** A motion to close the public hearing was made by Ms. Hanc and was seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed with three (3) YES votes.

Mr. McDonald read the proposed conditions for the project.

**7:56** A motion to issue the Order of Conditions made by Mr. Lawrence and was seconded by Ms. Hanc. The motion passed with three (3) YES votes.

Three copies of the Order Of Conditions were signed.

**7:57** Mr. Kemp returned to the meeting.

**7:57 NOI Renewal: 289-0176**, Project Owner: Hampton Ponds Association, Representative: Michael Lennon, SOLitude Lake Management

Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Hanc attended the March 22, 2016 Westfield Conservation Commission meeting during which time Westfield voted to extend their OOC's for three years. Karen Leigh, Westfield's Conservation Coordinator, had spoken with DCR's Office of Water Resources - Lakes and Ponds Program contact Jim Straub regarding feasible alternatives at this time. There do not appear to be any.

Mr. McDonald read the letter from Michael Lennon requesting the extension. The management program is to control growth of non-native species: Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), Variable Milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*), and curlyleaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*). Mr. Lennon had invited members of the Westfield and Southampton Conservation Commissions to attend the inspection of the weeds in the pond when it next takes place.

Mr. Kemp expressed his concern about using an herbicide for control, noting that asbestos and DDT (dichloro diphenyl trichloroethane), among other chemicals had been deemed safe years ago but were subsequently determined to cause damage to the health of the environment, animals, and/or humans.

Mr. McDonald read the Order of Conditions.

**8:08** A motion to extend the Order of Conditions for three years was made by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Ms. Hanc. The motion passed with three YES votes and one (1) NO vote (Mr. Kemp).

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**8:10 NOI Crooked Ledge Road, DEP # 289-0206**, Project Owner: Dan Pellegrini,  
Representative: R. Levesque Associates Inc.

A request to further continue the hearing was received from Ryan Nelson, Project Coordinator at R Levesque Associates, Inc. since plan revisions are not yet complete.

**8:11** A motion was made by Ms. Hanc and seconded by Mr. Kemp to continue the hearing to Monday, May 16, 2016. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

**8:12 Stewardship Projects**

**Whittemore Bridge :DCR Grant**

Mr. McDonald, Town Administrator Heather Budrewicz, and Ms. Hanc will meet with Senior Planner Jaimye Bartok at the PVPC office on May 5 at 3:00 PM in Springfield. The project involves a Chapter 91 permit, NOIs from Southampton and Easthampton, a feasibility study, an engineering study, construction of footings, and construction and installation of the bridge. Due to the complexity and expense, one firm should handle the whole project, which requires undertaking the Request For Bid (RFB) process.

**8:17 CPC Project Meeting**

A request for \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Act fund will be on the warrant for the May 17 Annual Town Meeting, as will be a request for funds for the Cook/County Road Water/Land project.

**Site Visits/Building Permits**

Site visits April 7, 2016 – 208 Brickyard Road, 128 East Street; attended by Mr. McDonald and Ms. Hanc; reviewed trees to be removed. Permits were signed for 164 Brickyard Road, 53 Gilbert Rd, 10 Old Harvest Road – lot 5, and 76 High Street

**Cancelled Meeting**

The meeting which had been scheduled for April 4, 2016 was not held due to lack of a quorum. Three members of the Conservation Commission and thirteen members of the public had been present.

**Future Meetings**

The next SCC meetings are tentatively planned for May 16, June 6 & 20, July 18, August 1 & 15, and September 19, 2016.

**8:21 Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Hanc and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.