

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – December 3, 2018
Southampton Town Hall – First Floor Meeting Room

Present: Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Matt Fletcher, Tony Zaharias, Charlotte Axthelm, Jon Hardy-McCauliff

Absent: Joy Piper

Public Present: Andrew Urbanski, 65 Nonotuck St
Emily Urbanski, 65 Nonotuck St
Denise Riggs, 88 Pleasant St
Robert Riggs, 88 Pleasant St
Reeny Groden, 8 Cheryl Ln

6:02 Call meeting to order

Open Time to the Public

Andrew Urbanski asked questions about a parcel on Fomer Rd with regard to wetlands and the potential to build a house and develop a Christmas tree farm on the site. Red Brook, a perennial stream, passes through the property. The Commission members suggested that MassGIS could be used to get an idea of the wetlands locations, but that to be accurate, the Urbanskis would need to consult a professional to perform the wetlands delineation.

New Business

6:15 RDA 88 Pleasant St

M. Hanc opened the RDA Public Meeting and read the legal notice which had been published in the November 26 Daily Hampshire Gazette. A check for \$111.64 for the legal notice was received. The site visit November 10, 2018 was attended by A. Lawrence, T. Zaharias, J. Piper, M. Hanc, and R. Riggs. The proposed project is for the construction of a cart path within the buffer zone to a BVW for access to farmland at the rear of the property.

6:17 Motion to waive \$75.00 RDA fee to encourage farmers to file for permits related to agricultural work made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Hardy-McCauliff. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

Mr. Riggs noted his desire to place a CR on his agricultural property in the future. He presented some options for the cart path construction which would minimize soil disturbance while supporting the weight of a small truck.

Motion to issue Negative 3 with Special Southampton Conditions made by C. Axthelm, seconded by T. Zaharias. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

Three copies of the WPA Form 2 were signed.

Enforcement Orders

6:36 Eversource Energy EO

Motion to issue EO had been approved at 11/19 meeting. T. Zaharias prepared the document for signatures. M. Hanc spoke with M. Kasinskas regarding to whom EO should be issued; EO will

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be sent to Conti Solar via certified mail and a copy will be scanned and emailed to M. Kasinkas to be forwarded to Eversource Energy. Multiple SWPPP reports over a period of several months noted that corrective action should been taken for stabilization and erosion control, but the directives had not been executed in a timely manner.

Three copies of the Enforcement Order issued to Conti Solar were signed.

6:59 114 County Rd

RDA WPA Form 2 was issued on 9/21/2010 to permit construction of a driveway. A new driveway at a different location on the property was brought to the Commission's attention. The new driveway is located within the 200' riverfront of a perennial stream as well as within the 100' buffer of a BVW. The Commission has no record of a permit for the new driveway.

7:11 Motion to issue an Enforcement Order for the unpermitted construction of a driveway at 114 County Rd made by T. Zaharias, seconded by C. Axthelm. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes. T. Zaharias will write the EO for signatures at the next meeting.

The issuing of EO's for violations of the WPA was discussed.

Stewardship Projects

7:25 Manhan Meadows Sanctuary

Lyndon Tree Care has not yet sent a contract to be signed.

7:26 Szczypta Conservation Farm & Barn

Signs have not been installed in the fields yet. Nothing further has been done with the barn roof.

7:26 Red Brook Estates CR

M. Hanc sent an email to the RBE HOA and paper mail to two homeowners. The monitoring fee has not yet been received from the Red Brook Estates HOA; it had been inadvertently automatically sent to the former CR holder, Winding River Land Conservancy. With land owners' permission, Commission members can view Red Brook from property on Fomer Rd for another perspective and to point out invasives to the owners.

7:30 Status of survey work/blazing

Research for the Durell's Path property is ongoing; work at the Alice Brown Conservation Area is almost complete; there are no invoices for projects.

7:31 Trails Grant Application

The application from last year will need to be reviewed and updated prior to being resubmitted. Since it's a matching grant, how much the Commission can afford to match the grant might be an issue.

7:32 Volunteers

Nothing has been done recently.

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7:33 Property Management Planning

Nothing new to report.

Regular Business

7:33 Associate Members

Email was received from B. Gutermuth in which she expressed her continued interest and suggested several areas where she could help. No correspondence was received from B. Barcomb, T. Baker, or M. Christy.

7:33 Motion to release Associate Conservation Commission members who have not made contact in the requested time made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Hardy-McCauliff. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

7:37 Review minutes from November 19, 2018

Motion to accept minutes as presented by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Fletcher. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

7:38 Treasurer's Report

The Open Space Committee is continuing to look for the best way to handle donations made for land acquisition and/or maintenance. While Kestrel remains an option, the Town Treasurer said that an account could be set up for the funds to be held locally as another option.

A. Lawrence is preparing the draft of an article regarding Forest Management proceeds to be on the warrant of the next Town Meeting, possibly in January.

Balance in Conservation Revolving Fund (Act #245200.021) = \$5,915.95

Balance in Wetlands Protection account (Act # 245100.020) = \$1,185.00

Signatures

- Conservation (Act #245200.021, SCC-FY19-P12)
 - Payable to Joy Piper - Webinar Unit 2 MACC - \$55.00

7:53 Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by J. Hardy-McCauliff, seconded by M. Fletcher. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.

Correspondence

Email

- November 20, 2018, from Frances Bui, CDM Smith – regarding Middle CT and Westfield Watershed Discovery Meetings 11/27-11/29
- November 26, 2018, from Pete Westover, Conservation Works – regarding December 5 Environmental Justice Forum!
- November 26, 2018, to Red Brook Estates Homeowners Association – regarding Red Brook Estates CR Annual Monitoring Summary
- November 26, 2018, from Amanda Lewis - regarding MassTrails Grant Round Now Open – Apply Online

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- November 27, 2018, from Brittany Guteruth – regarding Request to meet with Conservation Commission Associates
- November 27, 2018, from MACC – regarding MACC: URGENT SPAM-PHISHING ALERT
- November 28, 2018, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 11/20/18 and 11/26/18 SWPPP inspection reports
- November 28, 2018, from Paul Catanzaro – regarding MassWoods Update: Neighborhood Outreach Grant, New Economic Contribution Study, & Town Forest Spotlight
- November 29, 2018, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Daily Digest Bulletin
- November 30, 2018, from Pat Beaudry, PVPC – regarding Pioneer Valley Progress Report: November 2018
- December 2, 2018, from Evelyn Radowicz – regarding regarding Red Brook Estates CR Annual Fee
- December 2, 2018, from MACC – regarding MACC Fall Conservation Quarterly Magazine
- December 3, 2018, from MassWildlife – regarding 2019 Licenses, lake trout, dog regulations, and eagles
- December 3, 2018, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell – regarding Contact for Eversource Energy - Valley Rd Solar Project?
- December 3, 2018, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - Upcoming events, great resources, jobs, and more!!
- December 3, 2018, from Mark Kasinskas, Burns & McDonnell - regarding Eversource solar array - 12/03/18 SWPPP inspection report

Hard Copy

- ANR signed 11/7/2018 from Planning Board, Plan of Land in Southampton, Massachusetts surveyed for Donna Gunn & Candice R. Gunn-Iwanicki, Date: November 1, 2018; 88 Gunn Rd, 103 Pleasant St, 2 Woodmar Ln, 4 Woodmar Ln

Tentative Future Meetings: 2018 - December 17, 2019 - January 7, February 4, March 4 & 18, April 1, May 6 & 20

Adjournment

7:57 Motion to adjourn made by J. Hardy-McCauliff, seconded by T. Zaharias. The motion passed unanimously with six (6) Yes votes.