

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – May 21, 2018
Southampton Town Hall – First Floor Meeting Room

Present: Chair Marla Hanc, Vice-Chair Bob Barcomb, Treasurer Art Lawrence, Matt Fletcher

Absent: Teague Baker, Clerk Joy Rizos

Public Present: Alan Zedonis, 272 Main St, Easthampton
Tom Bacis, 75 Valley Rd
Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc
Charlotte Axthelm, 88 Whiteloaf Rd
Jon Hardy, 88 Whiteloaf Rd

7:00 Meeting Called to order

Open Time to the Public

Mr. Zedonis discussed a preliminary design for the location of a new house, driveway, and utilities at the corner of Gilbert Rd and Russellville Rd. A portion of the property is within 200' of Red Brook. Mr. Barcomb said an NOI would be required. Ms. Hanc said that she thought an RDA could be used. **Note, subsequent to the meeting, Ms. Hanc did further research and concluded that an NOI would in fact be required. She then called Mr. Zedonis to tell him. He said he still had much planning to do on the design and the project would most likely be done next year.

New Business

7:06 RDA – 75 Valley Rd, Applicant: New England Remodeling (Thomas M. Bacis), Representative: Mark Reed, Heritage Surveys, Inc.

Ms. Hanc called the RDA meeting to order and read aloud the legal notice which had been published in the May 11 edition of the Daily Hampshire Gazette. A check for \$75 for the local RDA fee had been previously received and a check for \$111.00 for the Gazette legal notice was received at the meeting. The site had been reviewed by Mallory Larcom, Marla Hanc, Joy Rizos, Art Lawrence, Teague Baker, Bob Barcomb, Mark Reed, and Tom Bacis.

Mr. Reed presented the plans for the installation of utilities under and alongside of an existing gravel driveway for a proposed new house. Sections of the driveway are within 200' of Moose Brook and the driveway also crosses an intermittent stream. A “mole” system will be used to go under the two 36” reinforced concrete pipes which are in place for the existing stream crossing, so there would be no disturbance of the stream. The location of house is outside of the Commission’s jurisdiction. After the utilities are installed, the driveway will be paved. Ms. Hanc read the definitions of Negative 2, 3, and 5 as they appear on WPA Form 2.

7:19 Motion to issue Negative 2, 3, and 5 made by Mr. Barcomb, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.

Three copies of the WPA Form 2 were signed.

Old Business

7:20 Manhan River E. Coli study

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A meeting was held at Grindstone Mountain with farmers on May 21 to review the study done by PVPC and to discuss the voluntary options.

Concern about the Manhan River flow if Holyoke sells water to Westfield will be brought up at a June Select Board meeting.

Stewardship Projects

7:28 Pomeroy Mt/Durell Path - sign wording and placement

Confirmation received from Board of Water Commissioners that there can be no public parking near the water tower since that “parking” area is on private property. No report from Mr. Baker regarding sign design. Waiting for continued search for 1995 Select Board meeting minutes.

7:30 Forest management on conservation properties

The Board of Water Commissioners is interested in logging some properties. They can keep funds received from logging since they are an enterprise. Conservation Commission should work on Szczypta Conservation Farm property with them since they own some of the farm property.

7:40 Open space – Chapter 61, 61A, 61B

111 Glendale Rd ROFR

An Open Space Review Committee was formed by the Select Board. The state’s LAND Grant and PARC Grant workshop was attended on May 16 by Reeny Groden, Diana Federman, and Ms. Hanc.

7:42 Status of survey work/blazing

Mr. Barcomb received quotes from Holmberg & Howe to finish surveying and marking the Alice Brown and Szczypta Conservation Farm properties.

7:45 Motion to spend \$1,200 for the Szczypta Conservation Farm work and \$2,150 for the Alice Brown Conservation Area work made by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Fletcher. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.

7:50 Volunteers

Work scheduled for May 19 was postponed again due to rain. Work will be attempted later in June. The growing vegetation and fallen trees have made the trails at Manhan Meadows difficult to use. Mr. Barcomb will seek a quote from a landscaper to get some of the maintenance done.

7:53 Szczypta Conservation Farm and Barn

The Town Administrator/Procurement Officer has not had the time to publish the RFP.

7: 56 Print trail brochures, boundary and trail medallions

Art ordered the printing of trails brochures. Since trail medallions are expensive, the Commission decided that trails could be marked with blue paint with only a few medallions interspersed. Ms. Hanc will let Brittany Gutermuth know.

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Regular Business

8:03 Review minutes from May 7, 2018

Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Mr. Barcomb, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.

8:04 Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Wetlands Protection account is \$4653.95.

Signatures

None this meeting.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Mr. Barcomb, and seconded by Mr. Fletcher. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.

8:09 Correspondence

Email

- May 8, 2018, to Janet Brown – regarding Annual Cedarhurst Cleanup – 2018
- May 8, 2018, from Emily Slotnick, PVPC – regarding LTA Request to Update Southampton Brochure
- May 8, 2018, from MACC – regarding MACC May Wetland Photo Contest with Prize Money
- May 8, 2018, from Massachusetts Housing Partnership – regarding Housing trust trainings -- register now
- May 9, 2018, from Meredith Borenstein – regarding Wetlands bylaw?
- May 11, 2018, from Ray Centeno, PVPC – regarding Southampton Szczypta Conservation Farm Brochure
- May 11, 2018, to Charlie Kaniecki, Select Board Chair, Ed Gibson, Town Administrator, and Cathy Thibodeau – regarding Southampton town revenue, solar arrays on Town property
- May 11, 2018, from Kestrel Land Trust – regarding Last Chance for a Special Event: Breakfast & Birding
- May 12, 2018, from Cori Garrett – Goodyear (DCR) – regarding Approved cutting plan on Brickyard Rd
- May 14, 2018, from Chris Volonte, Kestrel Land Trust – regarding Kestrel Box Monitoring Results - 5/14/18
- May 15, 2018, from Emmanuel Owusu (ENV) – regarding REMINDER: FY 19 LAND Grant Workshop at Amherst
- May 16, 2018, from Massachusetts Housing Partnership – regarding Don't miss Housing Institute -- new sessions on data, planning basics
- May 17, 2018, to Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding ConCom terms expiring
- May 17, 2018, from Joy Duperrault (DCR) – regarding WIFIA letter of interest deadline extended to 7/31!
- May 17, 2018, from Mark Kasinskis, Burns & McDonnell – regarding Eversource solar array - 5/15/18 SWPPP inspection report

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- May 18, 2018, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding [Flood Lines] Coming in August: Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Exam
- May 20, 2018, from Mike Ingraham – regarding Holyoke selling water and the impact on the Manhan
- May 20, 2018, from Tony Zaharias – regarding Conservation Commission open position
- May 21, 2018, from PVPC – regarding 2018 PVPC Annual Meeting

Hard Copy

- RDA paperwork received May 16, 2018, from Pellegrini Development LLC, for construction of new house at 2 Quigley Road
- Note dated 5/16/19, from Richard Truehart, Jr. – regarding Partial Release and Extension for NOI 289-0193
- Invitation postmarked May 18, 2018, from PVPC for 56th Annual Meeting of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, June 14, 2018

Schedule site visit for 2 Quigley Rd

Tentatively, Saturday, June 2, at 8:30 AM

Tentative Future Meetings June 4 & 18, July 2 & 16, August 13 & 27

8:22 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Barcomb, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) Yes votes.