

Southampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting – June 15, 2020  
Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 846 3409 1950

**Present via Zoom:** Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Brittany Taylor, Dan LaValley, Mike Reed, Anna Breen

**Absent:** Joy Piper

**Public Present via Zoom:**

Chris Fowles, Select Board  
Charlie McDonald, Associate ConCom Member  
Amanda Mahaney, SOLitude Lake Management  
Kara Sliwoski, SOLitude Lake Management  
Don Leger, 28 Camp Jahn Rd  
Barbara Giroux, 37 Bluemer Rd  
Jack and Chris Padden, Pequot Pond  
Janet Sanuita, 25 Freyer Rd  
Tom Gentile, 4 Bass Cove Rd  
Marge Walker, Pequot Pond  
Robert Dionne, Pequot Pond  
Marla Kelley, 55 East St  
Daniel Cannata, VHB  
John Furman, VHB  
Randall Kemp, Highway Superintendent  
Edward Gibson, Town Administrator  
Tom Jenkins, Blue Dog Forestry  
Tor Bashista, Pleasant St

**6:00 Meeting called to order**

**Open Time to the Public**

No business.

**6:01pm Old Business**

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

The Westfield Conservation Commission held their public hearing (via Zoom) for the project on June 9 and issued their Order of Conditions. M. Hanc was in attendance. The concerns about the use of chemicals which had not been used on Pequot Pond for prior herbicide treatments was handled in the Special Conditions by limiting the regular treatments to Diquat (Reward-EPA #1000-1091 or equivalent) and requiring approvals by Westfield and Southampton Conservation Commissions for any other products each time they will be used.

K. Sliwoski reiterated why SOLitude Lake Management was looking for approval to use other products. In short, they want the ability to address any changes in the presence of aquatic invasive species as soon as possible rather than starting the approval process over again with a new NOI. Treatment using Diquat will be done this year.

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The Westfield Conservation Commission's Special Conditions were reviewed, and the Southampton Conservation Commission agreed with those conditions. Also of note, Westfield's Conservation Commission opted to be listed as an insured party on SOLitude's liability insurance policy in the case of any losses due to misapplication.

**6:29pm** Motion to close public hearing made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Reed. Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

**6:31pm** Motion to issue Order of Conditions with Southampton Special Conditions made by M. Reed, seconded by D. LaValley. Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (ay ), Hanc (aye). The OOC will be mailed to the SOLitude Lake Management office in Shrewsbury, MA.

**6:33 Notice of Intent, East St Bridge, DEP# 289-0226 - continued, Applicant: Edward Gibson, Town Administrator, Representative: VHB, Inc.**

On June 6, 2020, a site visit was attended by J. Furman, R. Kemp, E. Gibson, D. LaValley, M. Reed, A. Lawrence, B. Taylor, J. Piper, and M. Hanc. The Commission is waiting for the NHESP conditions and updates to VHB's plans.

J. Furman reported that they are in the process of updating the plans to include installation of a Stormceptor catch basin to replace the system currently in use. D. Cannata said they have met with Natural Heritage to discuss the project last week. M. Hanc and D. LaValley discussed using funding from the Commission's Wetlands Protection Fund for assistance with writing the OOC since it is a town project.

**6:52pm** Motion to look into spending up to \$2,000 for help with an OOC consultant made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley. Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye)

Request for continuation of Public Hearing was made by R. Kemp.

**6:53pm** Motion to continue public hearing to 6:00 pm July 6, 2020 made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye)

**6:54pm Stewardship Projects**

**Forest Management**

*Pomeroy Mt/Durell's Path*

T. Jenkins of Blue Dog Forestry reported that he had met with 5 people that morning and walked the area denoted in the Forest Cutting Plan as part of the bidding process. He is expecting more interested parties. The bids will be opened at the June 29 special Conservation Commission meeting.

*Alice Brown Conservation Area –*

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The Forest Management Plan is to be done every 10 years. Part of that plan are the landowner's goals. M. Reed recently visited the Alice Brown Conservation Area and described his visit. The Commission determined the forestry goals for the parcel so the Forest Management Plan could be completed and submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). M. Hanc will sign the Approval Notice and Cost-Share Reimbursement Form so DCR will pay T. Jenkins for the creation of the plan.

**7:10pm Volunteers**

Tor Bashista presented their Litter Collection Project flyer as part of their Environmental Health Class. They will be collecting data on litter items found and the locations. Members of the community are being asked to pick up litter, take pictures of it prior to proper disposal, and send the pictures with the collection locations to T. Bashista's email. Submission deadline is June 24th at midnight. The Commission will forward the flyer to be shared by others in Southampton.

**7:29pm Regular Business**

**Conservation Agent discussion**

Further discussion was had regarding bringing aboard a conservation agent to assist with the duties of the Conservation Commission. For comparison, Easthampton's agent works about 12 hours per week at an unknown pay rate. Creating a job description for a Southampton conservation agent was discussed and it was agreed that the commission would be looking for about 10 hours per week at a rate of no more than \$25 per hour.

**Updates from Other Boards and Confirmations of Reappointments**

***Stormwater Code Review***

Representative A. Lawrence – no need to reappoint a representative for FY21. Draft of plan to be reviewed with Planning Board on 6/17.

**OSRP Update**

Representative B. Gutermuth – They are working on the final draft of the goals and objectives. Next step is going to all the boards for sign off.

**Open Space Committee Update**

Representative C. McDonald - Notes from D. Federman – The Open Space Committee submitted a draft conservation checklist and priority lands of interest for the OSRP update. They are trying to help the Friends of Open Space get going, and are working on a letter template for contacting landowners about conservation options. C. McDonald would like to continue being the Conservation Commission representative to OSC.

**Master Plan Implementation Committee Update**

Representative B. Taylor – The committee is getting close to having an updated survey ready for distribution. No immediate items for the Conservation Committee. Agreed to remain on the MPIC.

**Community Preservation Committee Update**

Representative J. Piper – No CPC meeting since last Conservation Commission meeting.

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**Review minutes from June 1, 2020**

**7:45 pm** Motion to accept June 1 minutes as amended made by M. Reed, seconded by D. LaValley. Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

**7:46pm Treasurer's Report**

The Conservation Commission property boundary medallions have arrived. A check was received from BSC Group for the Eversource \$75 RDA fee. The ending balance in Conservation Revolving Fund account after payment for the Gazette legal notices is \$2,976.44.

- Conservation Revolving Fund (Act #255200.021, SCC-FY20-P18)
  - Payable to Daily Hampshire Gazette for Public Notices for Eversource RDA, 80 High St RDA, East St Bridge NOI, \$641.91

**7:55pm** Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by D. LaValley, seconded by A. Breen. Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).

**7:56pm Correspondence**

**Email**

- June 2, 2020, from Janet Brown – regarding 7 High Street
- June 2, 2020, from Lyndon Tree Care – regarding Bye Bugs! 🐞
- June 2, 2020, from MassWildlife – regarding MassWildlife Monthly June
- June 3, 2020, from Cindy Palmer, Open Space Committee – regarding Zoom invitation OSC June 4 at 6pm
- June 3, 2020, from Katie Boulanger – regarding Addition
- June 4, 2020, from Michele Girard, MACC – regarding MACC Request for Proposals – MACC Fall Conference Workshops
- June 4, 2020, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Daily Digest Bulletin
- June 4, 2020, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Webinar - FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program
- June 5, 2020, from Joey Wigglesworth, MACC – regarding End of Year Wetland Publications for Sale
- June 5, 2020, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - Week 12 Wednesday zoom meeting sign up and more great Covid19 resources for conservation departments
- June 8, 2020, from Flora Masciadrelli – regarding New Newspaper Coming! Truly Local News....heading your way!
- June 9, 2020, from Paul Catanzaro, UMass – regarding MassWoods: Land trust survey, old-growth characteristics & carbon, open space conference
- June 9, 2020, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding VHB site walk notes from NOI
- June 9, 2020, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FEMA Building Science Branch Publications
- June 10, 2020, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Economic Outcomes of Urban Floodplain Restoration Report

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- June 12, 2020, from Joy Duperrault (DCR) – regarding [massFM] Spring Newsletter
- June 12, 2020, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - Week 13 (!!) Wednesday zoom meeting signup and more great Covid19 resources for conservation departments
- June 12, 2020, from Tor Bashista – regarding Service Learning Project (Tor Bashista MCLA)
- June 12, 2020, from Kimberly H. Robinson, - regarding Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Standing in Solidarity
- June 13, 2020, from Richard Truehart – regarding 9 Birchwood Drive partial release of Order of Conditions

**Hard Copy**

- From Holyoke Water Works, dated 5/19/2020 – regarding Watershed Protection

**Any other necessary business that cannot await the July 6, 2020 regular Conservation Commission meeting.**

D. LaValley brought up keeping a running list of “open” agenda items.

**Other Site Visits**

June 8, 2020, 0 Russellville Rd, DEP#289-0216, R. Nelson, S. Kafanov, and M. Hanc. Erosion control is in place in Southampton, the wetland replication area in Westfield was clarified.

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

6/29/2020, 7/6/2020, 7/20/2020

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. LaValley.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), LaValley (aye), Reed (aye), Breen (aye), Hanc (aye).