

Southampton Conservation Commission (SCC)
Meeting –August 15, 2016
Southampton Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

Attendees: Treasurer Arthur Lawrence, Secretary Marla Hanc, Robert Barcomb, Teague Baker

Absent: Vice-Chairman Matthew Christy, Rick Thibault

Public Present: Brandon Smith, 22 Camp Jahn Road

Prior to the start of the meeting, Chairman Charlie McDonald resigned as a member of the Conservation Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Ms. Hanc in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman.

7:06 Open Time to the Public

No members of the public spoke.

7:06 Regular Business:

Review minutes from July 18, 2016

7:07 A motion to accept the minutes from July 18, 2016 as written was made by Mr. Lawrence and was seconded by Mr. Baker. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

7:08 Treasurer's Report

The invoice for PVPC dues, previously voted for, requires signatures as well as \$9,999.99 of the Community Preservation Act funds for the stabilization of the Szczypta Barn. A quote for \$3,861.20 to paint the Szczypta barn was received by Charlie Kaniecki from Tommy Carroll.

Signatures

- SCC-FY-17-P3 from Wetlands Protection (#245100.020)
 - Payable to Charlie McDonald for postage, \$2.41
 - Payable to Charlie McDonald for Design Charge (Paradise Printing), \$24.88
 - Payable to Charlie McDonald for postage, \$1.36
 - Payable to Charlie McDonald for postage, \$1.36
 - Payable to Charlie McDonald for ink, \$24.99
 - Payable to Charlie McDonald for postage, \$1.78
 - Payable to PVPC for Annual Dues, \$1,700
- SCC-FY-17-P4 from Szczypta Barn Stabilization (#285100.853)
 - Payable to Sarafin Builders, \$9,999.99

7:16 A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Barcomb and was seconded by Mr. Baker. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

7:06 Correspondence

Email

- July 19, 2016, from SWCA Environmental Consultants – regarding News You Can Use from SWCA
- July 19, 2016, from Beals + Thomas – regarding Boston Society of Landscape Architects Fieldbook

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- July 19, 2019, from Lindsay Martucci (MACC) – regarding eMACC Advocacy Update - July 19
- July 20, 2016, from Michelle Grzenda – regarding MSMCP member renewal, upcoming brown bag events, drought news, proposed EOEEA Regulation Changes...
- July 26, 2016, from Lindsay Martucci (MACC) – regarding MACC Summer 2016 Quarterly eMagazine
- July 28, 2016, from Heather Budrewicz, Town Administrator/Chief Procurement Officer, – regarding Szczypta Barn Repairs, Chapter 149
- August 1, 2016, from Mass Wildlife – regarding MassWildlife Monthly: August
- August 2, 2016, from Citizen Forester – regarding August 2016 DCR Citizen Forester Newsletter
- August 2, 2016, from Lindsay Martucci (MACC) – regarding eMACC Education Update - August 2
- August 2, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Determination - Marchesi - 1 Russellville Road
- August 2, from Matthew Roland – regarding Easthampton/Southampton Conservation Land
- August 3, 2016, from David Will – regarding Map of Town Owned Properties
- August 4, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding MassDEP Western Region Circuit Rider news for August 2016
- August 4, 2016, from Mark Stinson (DEP) – regarding Circuit Rider Help night is tonight
- August 6, 2016, from Dan Pellegrini – regarding Construction Commencement – August 12 – Quigley Road
- August 8, 2016, from Massachusetts Housing Partnership – regarding Ch. 40B workshop for municipal officials & board members

Hard Copy

- Copy of Certified Mail dated July 27, 2016 from Heather Budrewicz, Town Administrator/Chief Procurement Officer to Sarafin Builders – regarding Szczypta Barn Restoration Project - Cease & Desist
- From MACC - Fall Conference 2016, Managing Massachusetts Forests: Conservation, Stewardship, and Regulation; Saturday, October 19, 2016, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Holyoke Community College, Kittredge Center, Holyoke MA
- Forest Cutting Plan prepared by John Edwards for Thomas Leveille, Pomeroy Meadow Road; Acres - 20, Vol. MBF – 85, Vol. Cds – 20; Service Forester – Sean Libbey dated 8/2/16

7:20 RDA: 22 Camp Jahn Rd; Owner: Brandon Smith

A site visit on August 11 was attended by Mr. McDonald, Ms. Hanc, and Mr. Smith. Ms. Hanc read the advertisement which had been published in the August 8 edition of the Daily Hampshire Gazette. The proposed consists of replacement of a failed septic system in the property abutting Bullhead Pond. Due to the small size of the pond, it was determined that the location was not jurisdictional.

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7:29 A motion to issue a Negative 1 was made by Mr. Barcomb and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes. Three copies of the RDA form 2 were signed.

7:30 RDA: 44 &46 Gilbert Road Owner: Cheryl Kowalski, Mike Kent: Contractor
The proposed project is to install water and natural gas lines under an intermittent stream. The well at 44 Gilbert Road is failing; a new single family dwelling will be built at 46 Gilbert Road. No one representing the applicant was present. Mr. Barcomb noted that a drawing of the proposed locations of the water and gas lines on the property should be reviewed.

7:56 A motion was made by Mr. Barcomb and seconded by Mr. Lawrence to ask the applicant to attend the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

8:06 Review Permit: RDA 1 Russellville Rd. - Comments: Mark Stinson

Having received the RDA Form 2, Mr. Stinson questioned the listed address, wrote that he had not received the Form 1, and did not agree with the Negative 3 and Negative 5 which the SCC had determined on July 18. The address was in fact correct. The additions to the existing structure will be constructed away from the Manhan River side on land which is currently used as lawn, walkway, and a flower bed.

8:07 A motion was made by Mr. Barcomb and seconded by Mr. Baker to send a copy of the RDA Form 1 to DEP. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

8:09 Certificate of Compliance: Bobcat Hollow, Applicant: Joseph Sampson
No site visit has yet been arranged; no action was taken.

8:11 Stewardship Projects

Survey Whittemore Conservation Area

An initial report has been received from Holmberg & Howe, but work has not been completed. Only two monuments were not found, both along the front lots. Volunteers might help to reduce the cost of blazing the property lines.

8:20 PVPC RFB Whittemore Bridge Project

The Town Administrator stopped PVPC from posting the RFP for the Whittemore Bridge Project pending first having funding available. However, funding can't be requested from either Easthampton or Southampton Community Preservation Act funds unless one has figures from proposals to base the requests on. Ms. Hanc will request that Jaimye Bartak, Senior Planner, Environment and Land Use, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission attend the SCC meeting on September 12 to review this and other projects.

8:32 A motion to stop work on the RFP pending meeting with Ms. Bartak was made by Mr. Barcomb and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

8:34 Status: Szczypta Barn Stabilization

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The proposal from Tommy Carroll was reviewed. There is new wood as well as deteriorating wood on the barn sides to preserve.

8:42 A motion was made by Mr. Barcomb and seconded by Mr. Lawrence to have Tommy Carroll paint the Szczypta when his work crew is in Southampton. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

8:43 Cook/County Road Project

A site visit for the LAND grant application is scheduled for August 31 at 1:00 PM. The Easthampton Community Preservation Act Committee will discuss the project on September 15.

Manhan River Water Testing Project.

Since July there have been three dry events and one rain event; E. coli has been present in most of the streams. Two more rain events will be held by the end of September if possible

Bylaw Revisited

Mr. Lawrence will send the SCC members a revised version of a bylaw proposal for discussion at future meetings with the goal of having it on the warrant for the January Town Meeting

Memorial Sign

The Community Preservation Committee will be voting on projects to submit to the October Town Meeting. Jacquie Sears and Ms. Hanc have been working on project to create an educational sign in memory of Ed Nied, Jr. to be placed in the Szczypta Conservation Farm field.

8:57 A motion was made by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Baker to request up to \$5,000 from CPC for the construction and placement of the sign in memory of Ed Nied, Jr. The motion passed unanimously with four (4) YES votes.

9:06 Administrative Offices/SCC Responsibilities

Since only four out of six SCC members were present, it was decided a special meeting should be held to elect the offices and discuss representation on other committees with the others in attendance. Ms. Hanc will coordinate an off-schedule meeting as soon as possible within public meeting guidelines.

Future Meetings

The next SCC meetings are tentatively planned for September 12 & 26, October 24, November 7 & 21, and December 5 & 19, 2016.

9:07 Adjournment

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