

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – July 11, 2022
Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 852 2399 9270

Present via Zoom: Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Brittany Taylor, Meaghan Kwiecinski, Jake Lehan

Absent: Kathleen Haley

Public Present via Zoom:

Joy Piper, Select Board (logged in at 6:45pm)

Mark Reed, Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.

Glenn West, 28 Katelyn Way

Alex Komlev, 66 East St

6:02pm Meeting called to order.

Open Time to the Public

No items.

6:02pm New Business

Certificate of Compliance (COC), DEP# 289-0224, 61 Gunn Rd; Applicant: Joy A. Piper and Kenneth Piper III; Representative: Mark Reed, Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.

Check for \$50 local fee was received. Site visit on July 2, 2022, was attended by Kenneth Piper III, A. Lawrence, M. Kwiecinski, and M. Hanc.

From original Order of Conditions - Condition in perpetuity: Four boulder monuments, a minimum of 2'-3' in diameter, must be placed to denote the limit of lawn near the wetlands. There were more than four boulders in place at the time of the site visit.

6:04pm Motion to issue COC with the condition in perpetuity made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Kwiecinski.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

6:05pm Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA), 285 College Hwy, Applicant: Glenn West; Representative: Mark Reed, Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.

Checks for \$75 local fee and \$205.41 Gazette legal notice were received. Site visit on July 2, 2022, was attended by Glenn West, A. Lawrence, M. Kwiecinski, and M. Hanc.

Definition of Positive 5: The area and/or work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is subject to review and approval by Southampton Conservation Commission pursuant to the Southampton Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Definition of Negative 3. The work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the following conditions (if any) - Southampton Conservation Commission RDA Permit Conditions - Page 3A.

Southampton Special Conditions to include use of silt fence for erosion control barrier as shown on Site Plan Showing a Proposed Storage Barn dated 06/23/2022. Storage building to be placed in the existing gravel area that is there currently.

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6:10pm Motion to issue Positive 5 and Negative 3 with Southampton Special Conditions made by B. Taylor, seconded by J. Lehan.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

Certificate of Compliance (COC), DEP# 289-0159, 21 Valley Rd; Applicant: Matthew M. Gagnon; Representative: James F. Carey, Attorney at Law.

Check for \$50 local fee was received. Site visit on July 5, 2022, was attended by Attorney James Carey, A. Lawrence, and M. Hanc. Order of Conditions (OOC) had been issued November 22, 2006. The project was never started. An RDA had been filed in 2010, the house was built in a different location than on the NOI's plan.

6:16pm Motion to issue COC made by J. Lehan, seconded by A. Lawrence.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

Discussion of fill at 66 East St

Wetlands are located at the rear of the property and an amount of fill was noted there recently. Alex Komlev reports that an old bomb shelter was dismantled, and the fill was brought in from West Springfield to level off the area. Some of the location is within the 50' Buffer Zone to the Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Concerns were raised for the stability of the area. Either an RDA or NOI will be needed but a site visit will need to be done first to better assess the area.

6:32pm Stewardship Projects

Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)

Approval granted for all sites on the Nancy Whittemore property. Completion reports will need to be submitted within 60 days of completion of each SEP.

Manhan Meadows also received approval as long as work is done within the confines of the NHESP regulations.

Szczypta Conservation Area received approval for the removal of old/damaged culverts and old fencing as well as invasive species removal. However, removal of the culvert at the end of the trail would require further evaluation.

Manhan Meadows Sanctuary RTP Grant Projects

2020 RTP Grant

No updates at this time.

2021 RTP Grant

No updates at this time.

Property work elsewhere

Alice Brown Conservation Area - Don Culver began logging. He put up a sign to notify hikers to stay out when logging is in process since people were walking there while work was being done.

Riggs CR and Wolf Hill Sanctuary CR– Pete Westover completed the CR monitoring reports for both properties.

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Nancy Whittemore Conservation Area – Pete Westover completed trail cleanup. He suggested putting a sign or bench at the end of the canal trail to make the end clear to the public.

Clearwater Woodland Conservation Area – Tree down across path; Pipers were able to remove that today.

Trail cleanup work is being organized by FOSOS at a location unknown to Commission

6:57pm Regular Business

Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer

6:57pm Motion to elect Marla Hanc - Chair, Brittany Taylor - Vice-Chair, Art Lawrence - Treasurer made by M. Kwiecinski, seconded by J. Lehan.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

Appointment of Associate Members

6:59pm Motion to appoint Brittany Gutermuth and Diana Federman as Associates for fiscal year 2023 made by A. Lawrence, seconded by B. Taylor.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

Updates from other boards

MVP Update

Representative B. Gutermuth –

7:00pm Motion to appoint Brittany Gutermuth to the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Committee for fiscal year 2023 made by A. Lawrence, seconded by B. Taylor.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

Open Space Update

Representative D. Federman –

7:00pm Motion to appoint Diana Federman to the Open Space Committee for fiscal year 2023 made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Lehan.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

MPIC Update

Representative B. Taylor –

7:01pm Motion to appoint Brittany Taylor to the Master Plan Implementation Committee for fiscal year 2023 made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Kwiecinski.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

CPC Update

Representative M. Kwiecinski –

7:02pm Motion to appoint Meaghan Kwiecinski to the Community Preservation Committee for fiscal year 2023 made by A. Lawrence, seconded by B. Taylor.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

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Review minutes from June 6, 2022, and June 27, 2022

7:04pm Motion to accept June 6 and June 27 minutes as presented made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Kwiecinski.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

Treasurer's Report

The Town Accountant published the Town's Expense and Revenue Reports the week of June 20. The Expense Report is up to date as of June 23, 2022, and the Revenue Report is accurate as of March 31, 2022. The Conservation Commission financials are in total agreement with the Town Accountant's financials.

Account Balances:

As of July 5, 2022, FY2023.

Conservation General Fund (Act # 15171.700) - \$5,000.00
Mass Trails Grant Match (Act # 285100.87) - \$6,109.70
Red Book Estates Monitoring (Act # 892624.000) - \$20,331.64
Manhan Meadows Phase II (Act # 285100-88) - \$47,190.43
Conant Wildlife Fund (Act # 825200.701) - \$35,319.47
Hazel Young Memorial Fund (Act # 825912.200) - \$19,634.43
Conservation Revolving Fund (Act # 255200.021 - \$3,641.92

Signatures

- Conservation Gen Fund (Act #015171.700, SCC-FY22-P23)
 - Payable to Fleury Lumber for screws for kiosk plaque - \$1.32

7:07pm Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by B. Taylor, seconded by J. Lehan.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).

Correspondence

Email

- June 7, 2022, from Michele Grzenda – regarding A few spots opened up - MSMCP Annual Meeting postponed until June 15th
- June 7, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Join Us for the Next Phase of MA Climate Change Assessment
- June 7, 2022, from Paul Catanzaro, UMass – regarding Webinar: Managing for Old Forest Characteristics
- June 7, 2022, from Dan McNichol – regarding 32 High Street Landslide Event
- June 7, 2022, from Paul Diemand, Planning Board – regarding 32 High Street Landslide Event
- June 7, 2022, from Bucky Sparkle, The Zengineer – regarding 32 High Street Landslide Event
- June 8, 2022, from Joey Wigglesworth – regarding MACC FREE Member Event coming to your area! Join Us at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary this Friday, June 10th.
- June 9, 2022, from Cori Garrett-Goodyear (DCR) – regarding New cutting plan for Dandy Realty on Edwards Rd

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- Location: Edward Rd; Acres 50; Vol. MBF 527; Vol. Cds. 7; Plan Preparer: John Edwards; Timber Harvester: Steve Glaszcz; DCR File Number: 276.33880-22
- June 9, 2022, from June Duperault (DCR) – regarding FEMA Releases New Guide to Expanding Mitigation: Making the Connection to the Coast
- June 9, 2022, from Melissa Kaplan, BSC Group – regarding Wetland Ordinance and filing requirements (Eversource pole maintenance and replacement)
- June 10, 2022, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP The passing of Phil Saunders and the status of PLPA
- June 10, 2022, from Lindsay Martucci – regarding MACC Spring 2022 Conservation Quarterly Member Magazine
- June 13, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding weekly message: DCR is holding several job fairs
- June 13, 2022, from Paul Catanzaro, UMass – regarding Reminder: Managing for Old Forest Characteristics Webinar
- June 14, 2022, from Melissa Coady, Tight & Bond – regarding East Street Bridge Project (MassDEP File #289-0226) May 10 site visit
- June 14, 2022, from Mike Kent, Kent Brothers Excavating – regarding Proposal for Suspension Bridge Removal
- June 14, 2022, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding 32 High Street Landslide Event
- June 15, 2022, from Mary Grover (DEP) – regarding MassDEP Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulatory Filing Requirements
- June 15, 2022, from MHP – regarding Thank you for joining MHP's 2022 Housing Institute
- June 16, 2022, from Pete Westover, Conservation Works LLC – regarding Riggs CR Monitoring Report 6-15-22
- June 17, 2022, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - Will Remote Meetings continue after July 15th? Portions of MA in Drought Status and upcoming events, Conservation Questions, Jobs, etc.
- June 17, 2022, from Kimberly Robinson, PVPC – regarding Pioneer Valley Progress Report: June 2022
- June 21, 2022, from Michael McHugh (DEP) - regarding Southampton SEP Project Implementation Approval
- June 21, 2022, from Mary Grover (DEP) – regarding Massachusetts DROUGHT ALERT - June 2022
- June 21, 2022, from Angela DiAugustino, Phillips Insurance Agency, Inc – regarding Certificate of Liability Insurance for Kent Brothers Excavators LLC
- Joy Duperault (DCR) regarding - A Tool for Building Flood Mitigation Awareness in Your Community
- June 21, 2022, from Nick Wildman (FWE) – regarding DEP File #289-0220, NAE 2018-20971, Lyman Pond Dam- Southampton | Minor change
- June 21, 2022, from Misty-Anne Marold – regarding DEP File #289-0220, NAE 2018-20971, Lyman Pond Dam- Southampton | Minor change
- June 21, 2022, from Joey Wigglesworth – regarding MACC's FREE Lunch & Learn Program: June 22nd & Reminders

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- June 23, 2022, from Mark Reed, Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. – regarding Piper, 61 Gunn Road, Southampton - Request for Certificate of Compliance
- June 23, 2022, from Mark Reed, Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. – regarding Sheldon's Ice Cream/Glenn West, 285 College Highway, Southampton - RDA filing
- June 23, 2022, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP Annual Meeting Recap, Resources, and Jobs!
- June 23, 2022, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding Addendum 1 IFQ 22-011 Manhan Meadows Sanctuary Trail Restoration & Building
- June 24, 2022, from Kurt Gaertner (EEA), Asst. Secretary for Environmental Policy – regarding Invitation MassTrails Awards Event
- June 27, 2022, from Alexandra Nuñez, Conine Family Foundation – regarding 2022 MassTrails Awards Ceremony & HubLuv announcement - You're Invited!
- June 28, 2022, from Joy Duperrault (DCR) – regarding MA Climate Change Assessment | Your Voice Matters!
- June 28, 2022, from Joey Wigglesworth – regarding MACC Education E-News Updates June 28, 2022
- June 28, 2022, from Barry Searle – regarding RDA, 20 Freyer Rd
- June 29, 2022, from Pete Westover, Conservation Works LLC – regarding Wolf Hill Monitoring Report June 28, 2022
- July 1, 2022, from MassWildlife – regarding ADP deadline, finding summer trout, be bear-aware
- July 1, 2022, from Virginia Martell, Environmental Permitting Specialist, BSC Group – regarding July Meeting Schedule
- July 5, 2022, from Joy Duperrault (DCR) – regarding FEMA's Updated TB-7 Wet Floodproofing Requirements and Limitations
- July 6, 2022, from Mass Division of Ecological Restoration – regarding Ebb & Flow: Summer 2022
- July 7, 2022, to Alex Komlev – regarding Fill in backyard at 66 East Street, Southampton
- July 10, 2022, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP - FY23 Membership Form, Remote Meeting update, upcoming events, and more!
- July 11, 2022, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding Process of Hiring Conservation Agent

Hard Copy

- ANR approved May 18, 2022, from Planning Board, Subdivision Approval Not Required, Plan of Land In Southampton, Massachusetts prepared for Gregory & Jacqueline Champagne, Prepared by Harold L. Eaton and Associates, Inc. Date: April 15, 2022; depicting the creation of Lot 2, a 43,304 S.F. ±, 0.9941 acres parcel, 139 Middle Road, separated from Lot 1, 137 Middle Road.
- Received June 23, 2022, Request for Certificate of compliance for Joy A. Piper and Kenneth Piper III, 61 Valley Rd, from Mark Reed, Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.
- Received June 23, 2022, Request for Determination of Applicability for Glenn West, 285 College Hwy, from Mark Reed, Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.

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- Received June 24, 2022, Request for Certificate of compliance for Matthew M. Gagnon, 21 Valley Rd, from Attorney James F. Carey, Carey Law Office
- Received June 29, 2022, Request for Determination of Applicability for Bernard Poirier, 20 Freyer Rd, from Barry Searle
- Received July 7, 2022, from Select Board - regarding Southampton ARPA Application Project Award (#23-25 & #24-25)

Any other necessary business that cannot await the August 1, 2022, regular Conservation Commission meeting.

None.

Other Site Visits

To be scheduled: Site visit with Janet Brown at Cedarhurst to discuss required reporting for filling and emptying pool; site visit for RDA for new septic system at 20 Freyer Rd

Upcoming Meeting Dates (subject to change)

08/01/2022, 08/15/2022, 09/19/2022, 10/03/2022, 10/17/2022, 11/07/2022, 11/21/2022

Do not know yet if future meetings will be online or in person. If August 1 meeting must be in person, M. Hanc cannot run it since she will be out of town.

Adjournment

7:21pm Motion to adjourn made by A. Lawrence, seconded by B. Taylor.
Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Hanc (aye).