

Southampton Conservation Commission
Meeting – May 16, 2022
Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 835 4010 3422

Present via Zoom: Marla Hanc, Art Lawrence, Brittany Taylor, Anna Breen (logged out at 7:03pm), Kathleen Haley

Absent: Meaghan Kwiecinski, Jake Lehan

Public Present via Zoom:

Ed Gibson, Town Administrator
Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates LLC
Diana Federman, Associate Member

6:02pm Meeting called to order.

Open Time to the Public

No items.

6:02pm New Business

Open quotations for Manhan Meadows Sanctuary trail renovation project

E. Gibson opened the one quotation which had been received by the 3:00 PM deadline. It was received from Conservation Works, LLC for \$53,065 which is over the quotation process limit of \$50,000. Therefore, the project cannot be awarded at this time. Either the Commission's specifications will need to be changed to bring the cost under \$50,000 so a request for quotations can be put out again, or the sealed bid process for projects over \$50,000 will have to be started. The Commission is working with a limited budget and a limited amount of time for the grant to be used. The cost of materials keeps increasing. It was suggested that the observation deck would have pushed the cost over the maximum quotation allowed.

Certificate of Compliance (COC), DEP# 289-0175, East St, Manhan Meadows Sanctuary

The Notice Of Intent and Order Of Conditions were from 2009. The project was not carried out. The box "Invalid Order of Conditions" can be checked off on the COC WPA Form 8B which states that the work never commenced and the OOC has lapsed.

6:10pm Motion to issue Certificate of Compliance made by A. Lawrence, seconded by A. Breen. Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Breen (aye), Haley (aye), Hanc (aye).

Notice of Intent (NOI) DEP# 289-0239 - continued, 48 East St, Manhan Meadows Sanctuary; Applicant: Ed Gibson; Representative: Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates LLC

Letter from Natural Heritage - they are requiring a turtle protection plan to be submitted and approved prior to the start of work. Question and clarification needed regarding this statement: *"Please note that work conducted with hand tools and/or during the Wood Turtle inactive season (November 15-March 15) does not require the implementation of a Turtle Protection Plan."*

Addressing MassDEP comment letter:

- Emily Stockman stated that the bankfull width was addressed in the NOI.
- Regarding the Greenway concern, E. Stockman says that the lease of railway land has not been completed, where the reroute location is marked will be a temporary access point.

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- Due to use of hand tools and foot traffic, erosion control measures were not included in the plan. The only exception would be for installation of footing for the Manhan River footbridge.
- Footbridge impacts: temporary impacts to land under waterways. While installing the sections of the footbridge, temporary supports will be needed. Quantification of supports not included on the form. Estimation for 8 feet = impact area of 476sqft.
- Observation platform is depicted on Figure 1.
- Performance standards for Riverfront area - majority of work within Riverfront is decommissioning of the old trail.

OOO could include the observation deck but that does not require that it be completed.
Ed Gibson agreed to continue the public hearing to June 6.

6:41pm Motion to continue public hearing to 6:00 pm June 6, 2022, made by K. Haley, seconded by A. Lawrence.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Breen (aye), Haley (aye), Hanc (aye).

Enforcement Order, Gunn Rd, for installation of culvert without permit

Andrew Endris sent an email saying he would remove the culvert. EO had been sent and was received.

7:01pm Stewardship Projects

Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)

Involved parties were not present tonight.

Manhan Meadows Sanctuary RTP Grant Projects

2020 RTP Grant

Going out for quotes again.

2021 RTP Grant

Work in process for more detailed specifications for bridge work including Chapter 91 license application.

Property work elsewhere

B. Taylor and K. Haley to coordinate going out to Lyman Family Conservation Area to re-mark the boundary with purple paint.

Regular Business

Updates from other boards

MVP Update

Representative B. Gutermuth – no updates.

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Open Space Update

Representative D. Federman – D. Federman went out to Pomeroy Mtn. to try to figure out a parking area. Possible meeting for landowners TBD.

MPIC Update

Representative B. Taylor – no updates.

CPC Update

Representative M. Kwiecinski – not present.

Review minutes from April 20, 2022

7:15pm Motion to accept April 20 minutes as presented made by A. Lawrence, seconded by K. Haley.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Haley (aye), Hanc (aye).

Review minutes from May 2, 2022

7:16pm Motion to accept May 2 minutes as presented made by A. Lawrence, seconded by K. Haley.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Haley (aye), Hanc (aye).

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

As of May 12, 2022, FY2022.

- Conservation Gen Fund (Act #015171.700) - \$3,942.06

Signatures

- Conservation Gen Fund (Act #015171.700, SCC-FY22-P21)
 - Payable to Daily Hampshire Gazette for legal notice for Manhan Meadows Sanctuary NOI- \$205.41

7:17pm Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by B. Taylor, seconded by K. Haley.

Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Haley (aye), Hanc (aye).

Correspondence

Email

- May 3, 2022, from Andrew Endris – regarding Culvert removal
- May 3, 2022, from Mie Kurahara, FOSOS – regarding Hendricks/Clark Family Homestead Signage Delivery
- May 3, 2022, from MassWildlife – regarding Trout fishing tips, planting for birds & bees, and more!
- May 4, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Flood Mitigation with No Adverse Impact

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- May 4, 2022, from Kevin Kraus – regarding Beaver dam at 78 Fomer Rd
- May 4, 2022, from Elizabeth Knott, (DCR) - regarding MassTrails Programmatic Update RE: Reimbursement Timing
- May 4, 2022, from Nick Wildman (FWE) – regarding DEP File # 209-0220 - Manhan River Restoration Project – erosion control installation
- May 5, 2022, from Kimberly H. Robinson - regarding Pioneer Valley Progress Report: May 2022
- May 5, 2022, from MHP – regarding Register now for MHP's 15th annual Housing Institute
- May 5, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding NFIP Substantial Damage Planning Guidance for Local Governments
- May 5, 2022, from Joey Wigglesworth – regarding MACC e-News Education Updates May 2022
- May 6, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Integrating Water Quality Management and Natural Hazard Resilience through Nature Based Solutions - Watershed Academy Webinar
- May 6, 2022, from Paul Furgal, Southampton Planning Board – regarding Moove-In Storage Facility – stormwater design
- May 6, 2022, from Jeffrey Squire, Berkshire Design Group – regarding Moove-In Storage Facility – stormwater design
- May 6, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding NOAA: Our Changing Precipitation, a product for Stormwater Managers, Water Utilities, Engineers & Planners, State and Local Decision Makers
- May 9, 2022, from Elizabeth Knott (DCR) – regarding 2022 MassTrails Spring Procurement Grant Round - Deadline Soon
- May 9, 2022, from Geri Jennings, FOSOS – regarding Post on volunteering on the trails in town
- May 9, 2022, from Janet Brown – regarding 32 High Street
- May 10, 2022, from Mary Grover (DEP) – regarding Wetlands Program Policy 22-01: Diadromous Fisheries Stream Management
- May 10, 2022, from Mary Grover (DEP) – regarding MassDEP NOI File Number – 289-0239
- May 10, 2022, from Michael Carmasine, P.E. | Comprehensive Environmental Inc. – regarding Closeout Site Walk for Manhan Water Main Project
- May 11, 2022, from John Downs – regarding 2nd REQUEST : Request for Bid Documents - Manhan Meadows Trail Restoration- Southampton, MA - JL Construction Corp.
- May 11, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding NOAA/NCEI Story Map on Hurricane Ida Human Impacts
- May 11, 2022, from Melany Cheeseman (FWE) – regarding Restore & extend Hazel A Young trail, 48 East St, Southampton. NHESP 19-39054, DEP
- May 12, 2022, from Cindy Palmer, Open Space Committee – regarding You are invited to a special event, ribbon cutting ceremony at Clark Family Homestead

Hard Copy

- May 7, 2022, to Andrew Endris – regarding Enforcement Order

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Any other necessary business that cannot await the June 6, 2022, regular Conservation Commission meeting.

The Building Inspector noticed that a pile of soil was placed near a wetland on Gilbert Rd. The permit for building the house specifically stated the limit of lawn. The owner is being informally reminded of this prior to any further actions.

Other Site Visits

281 & 285 College Hwy, DEP# 289-0220 - Pre-demolition meetings. Meeting on May 10 was attended by Nick Wildman (FWE) and M. Kwiecinski. Meeting on May 11 was attended by Amber Boles (Tighe & Bond), A. Lawrence, K. Haley, and M. Hanc. Erosion control barrier and turtle barriers were in place.

Bridge near Sheldon's on College Hwy, DEP#289-0217 - Need to schedule site visit for COC for moving water main from under river to suspended under bridge.

Upcoming Meeting Dates (subject to change)

06/06/2022, 07/11/2022

Adjournment

7:31pm Motion to adjourn made by A. Lawrence, seconded by K. Haley.
Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Haley (aye), Hanc (aye).