

Southampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting – June 6, 2022  
Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 873 2720 8709

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

**Absent:** Anna Breen,

**Public Present via Zoom:**

Michael Carmasine, Comprehensive Environmental Inc.  
Bucky Sparkle, The Zengineer  
Glenn West, 28 Katelyn Way  
Janet Brown, 14 High St  
Bob Kozub, 181 College Hwy  
Dan McNichol, 39 High St

**6:02pm Meeting called to order.**

**Open Time to the Public**

No items.

**6:03pm Old Business**

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

Engineering plans for new bridge arrived late today, request received via email from Ed Gibson to continue the public hearing to June 27.

**6:04pm** Motion to continue the public hearing to June 27 at 6:30pm made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Kwiecinski.

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

**6:05pm New Business**

**Change in wetland replication plan, DEP# 289-0233, 32 High St, Applicant: Greg Felton;  
Representative: Bucky Sparkle, The Zengineer**

Upon review of conditions at the site in May, Ward Smith recommended that the 3,500-sf replication area be relocated to the area behind the new house. Original location would be too damaging to the ecosystem and would involve removal of mature trees. New location is up against a BVW and there is a minor stream branch nearby.

Second item to be addressed: the July 1st deadline was in anticipation of being able to get the work done through May. Original NOI states that the replication should take place in late summer/early fall. So July 1 is not an advantageous timeframe to accomplish this. Ward Smith would like the deadline moved back to late October - Nov 1st.

**6:23pm** Motion to allow a change in replication plans as presented and extend the date of completion to November 1, 2022, made by B. Taylor, seconded by J. Lehan.

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

**6:24pm Location of proposed storage barn, 285 College Hwy**

Proposed storage barn would be located in excess of 100' from the bank. Is the water at that location a pond, with a 100' buffer zone, or a river, with a 200' riverfront?

From DEP:

Lyman Pond is shown on the USGS topo map as an impoundment; however, the Commission could determine that the area in question has primarily riverine characteristics and therefore has a Riverfront Area. "Where rivers flow through lakes or ponds, the Riverfront Area stops at the inlet and begins again at the outlet. A water body identified as a lake, pond, or reservoir on the current USGS. map or more recent map provided by the Department, is a lake or pond, unless the issuing authority determines that the water body has primarily riverine characteristics. When a water body is not identified as a lake, pond, or reservoir on the current USGS. map or more recent map provided by the Department, the water body is a river if it has primarily riverine characteristics. Riverine characteristics may include, but are not limited to, unidirectional flow that can be visually observed or measured in the field. In addition, rivers are characterized by horizontal zonation as opposed to the vertical stratification that is typically associated with lakes and ponds."

The Conservation Commission would need to determine if there are riverine characteristics. Based upon site visits, the Commission discussed that riverine characteristics are present.

**6:31pm** Motion that the Conservation Commission agrees that the area in question has riverine characteristics and Mr. West needs to file an RDA made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Kwiecinski.

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

**6:32pm Creation of pasture on APR property, 187 College Hwy**

Numerous residents have questioned the scope of the tree clearing at Grindstone Mountain Farm. The property has been under an APR since 1983. The Conservation Commission is listed on the APR and should be informed about changes to the property. M. Hanc has been in touch with DEP, MDAR, and the current property owner. The next time the APR and MDAR people have a site visit to the farm, the Commission will be invited. This is similar to projects which have been done on another APR property.

**6:48pm (addressed out of order on agenda) Certificate of Compliance (COC), DEP# 289-0217, College Hwy Bridge, Applicant: Thomas Gaughan, Water Superintendent; Representative: Michael Carmasine, Comprehensive Environmental Inc.**

Site visit on May 19, 2022, was attended by Michael Carmasine, A. Lawrence, M. Kwiecinski, K. Haley, and M. Hanc.

**6:49pm** Motion to issue Certificate of Compliance made by A. Lawrence, seconded by M. Kwiecinski.

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

Sign copies in Town Hall.

**6:40pm Stewardship Projects**

**Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)**

J. Lehan says DEP is in favor of what is planned, and they would like to offer a letter of approval regarding the invasives, but not the culvert. Several members feel that they are not comfortable moving forward with just partial approval from DEP.

**6:48pm** Discussion moved to **New Business: Certificate of Compliance (COC), DEP# 289-0217, College Hwy Bridge, Applicant: Thomas Gaughan, Water Superintendent; Representative: Michael Carmasine, Comprehensive Environmental Inc.**

**6:50pm** Discussion returned to the SEP. M. Kwiecinski will reach out to DEP regarding plans that had been previously approved by Commission and Select Board.

**Manhan Meadows Sanctuary RTP Grant Projects**

***2020 RTP Grant***

Ed Gibson, with updates from A. Lawrence, sent out a request for Quotations again on May 26. Quotations will be opened at a special meeting on June 27.

***2021 RTP Grant***

A. Lawrence has sent out requests for quotes for demolition and removal of the suspension bridge to be received no later than June 17.

**Property work elsewhere**

The Commission thanks Doric Dods for cleaning out the junk by the Szczypa farm parking lot and removing barbed wire fencing from the Clark Family Homestead, Mike Reed for cutting back vegetation at the East St entrance to the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary, and Janet Brown for cutting back multiflora rose.

Text was received from Forester Tom Jenkins that Don Culver expects to begin logging at Alice Brown Conservation Area soon.

**7:06pm Regular Business**

**Use of ARPA funds**

Discussed the use of \$19,982 to pay for consultants on various projects.

**7:12pm** Motion to apply \$19,982 for use to hire consultants made by A. Lawrence, seconded by J. Lehan.

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

**Updates from other boards**

***MVP Update***

Representative B. Gutermuth – no updates.

***Open Space Update***

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Representative D. Federman – members of the Open Space Committee, Friends of Southampton Open Space held a ribbon Cutting ceremony on May 26 with Ted and Paula Hendrick to thank them for their donation of the Clark Family Homestead.

***MPIC Update***

Representative B. Taylor – no updates.

***CPC Update***

Representative M. Kwiecinski – no updates.

**Review minutes from May 16, 2022**

**7:15pm** Motion to accept May 16 minutes as presented made by A. Lawrence , seconded by K. Haley.

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

**Treasurer's Report**

**Account Balances:**

As of May 29, 2022, FY2022.

- Conservation General Fund (Act # 15171.700) - \$3,895.37

**Signatures**

- Conservation Gen Fund (Act #015171.700, SCC-FY22-P22)
  - Payable to M. Hanc for postage - \$46.69

**7:22pm** Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by B. Taylor, seconded by M. Kwiecinski.

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

**Correspondence**

**Email**

- May 16, 2022, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding Manhan Meadows Sanctuary Trail quote from Conservation Works opened at 5/16 meeting
- May 17, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Flood Factor® is now Risk Factor™ and incorporates wildfire risk
- May 18, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding MEMA revised Notice of Funding Opportunity under HMGP-4496-- LOTS OF MONEY FOR YOUR PROJECTS!!!
- May 19, 2022, from MHP – regarding Now Virtual: MHP's 15th Housing Institute
- May 23, 2022, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP Virtual Conservation Coffee this Wednesday!
- May 24, 2022, from Joey Wigglesworth – regarding MACC's Free Lunch & Learn Events, Plus Advocacy Update
- May 26, 2022, from Mark Wamsley, Kestrel Land Trust – regarding Hendrick Property-Tax Credit Program
- May 27, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding Coastal Retreat Network FYI: Save the Date! Greauing Resilience at Home: A Regional Vision (Webinar)

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- May 27, 2022, from Michele Grzenda – regarding MSMCP’s Annual Meeting is less than two weeks away! (plus other news, jobs, and events)
- May 28, 2022, from Pete Westover, Conservation Works LLC – regarding Pictures from Hendrick land dedication
- May 30, 2022, from Paul Diemand, Planning Board Chair – regarding 9 Coleman Rd, Planning Board Decision regarding Moove in Storage
- May 31, 2022, from Melissa Coady, Tighe & Bond – regarding Fire at East St bridge site on May 10
- May 31, 2022, from Kristin DeBoer – regarding Celebrate with Kestrel on June 16<sup>th</sup>
- May 31, 2022, from PVPC – regarding June 9th: Join PVPC at the Condition of Education in Western Massachusetts
- Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding FREE NFIP 101 online course with 12 CEUs for CFMs !!!
- June 1, 2022, from John Workman, Fire Chief – regarding Fire at East St bridge site on May 10 & 11
- June 1, 2022, from Lisa Narkiewicz, Heritage Land Surveying and Engineering, Inc – regarding Plan for proposed storage barn at 285 College Hwy
- June 2, 2022, from Joy Duperault (DCR) – regarding HMGP 4496 Notice of Funding Opportunity Revision-- FEDERAL GRANT MONEY FOR MITIGATION PROJECTS
- June 2, 2022, from Virginia Martell, BSC Group Inc – regarding Wetland Ordinance and filing requirements
- June 2, 2022, from Janet Brown – regarding refill rate report for Cedarhurst Pool
- June 3, 2022, from Michael Carmasine, - regarding Form WPA 8A for Certificate of Compliance, DEP# 289-0217
- June 3, 2022, from Bucky Sparkle, The Zengineer – regarding 32 High St, Felton - Plan Update
- June 3, 2022, from MassWildlife – regarding Free fishing weekend, public hearing, young wildlife, and more
- June 5, 2022, from Joy Piper, Select Board – regarding ARPA Application
- June 6, 2022, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding ATM Warrant with Summaries and Motions
- June 6, 2022, from Caroline Raisler (AGR) – regarding Southampton Grindstone Farm
- June 6, 2022, from Ed Gibson, Town Administrator – regarding Public Hearing Continuation for DEP File # 289-0239
- June 6, 2022, from Joey Wigglesworth – regarding MACC e-NEWS Education Update
- June 6, 2022, from David Cameron – regarding Manhan River Prop. Pedestrian Bridge - Chp 91 Draft Sheets

**Hard Copy**  
None.

**Any other necessary business that cannot await the July 11, 2022, regular Conservation Commission meeting.**  
None.

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**Other Site Visits**

None.

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

06/27/2022, 07/11/2022

**Adjournment**

**7:24pm** Motion to adjourn made by A. Lawrence , seconded by M. Kwiecinski.  
Lawrence (aye), Taylor (aye), Kwiecinski (aye), Lehan (aye), Haley (aye), Hanc (aye).