

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 3, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Young, and Berniche. Also present: associate member Swanson

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 6, 1996 meeting were read, amended, and approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Given by Mr. Moore in Mr. Kingsley's absence:

General Expenses	\$561.25
40-80	2588.70

HEARING

Continuation of a hearing scheduled for May 6, 1996, regarding a request from Mr. John Harriman and Camp Construction to remove an old shed and build a new 32' x 35' shed at 97 Strong Rd.

Mr. Steve Camp was present and explained that Mr. Harriman's barn came down this past winter, and he wanted to put up a new one on the same spot, this time filling in the old lean-to area to make a full 32' X 35' barn. He estimated that a brook was 25-30' away. There was some disagreement about the distance of the brook and Ms. Young said the distance should be measured.

Mr. Moore said that it should be determined how the work will be done without affecting the brook--for example, what use would be made of hay bales, silt fences, reseeding, etc. Mr. Camp said they would like to start the work in about a month, and that it would take about three weeks to do the work.

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Camp to expand his map and to resubmit it with erosion controls specified on the plan.

Ms. Young pointed out that this area has flooded in the past.

Mr. Reed moved to approve the project once the new map and plan are received (i.e., with amendments including brook distance and erosion controls). Ms. Young seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Rheal Labrie was present to say he is interested in haying on the Szczypta Property. Ms. Young said 40 acres has been mowed in the past, with 12 acres of pasture and 8 additional acres for mowing. She said the pasture has already been rented to Terry and Earl Palmer of Westfield. Mr. Labrie said he would like to cut everything suitable, and would make round bales.

Mr. Moore asked how the Commission should handle such matters. Ms. Young asked about fertilizing, and Mr.

Labrie said he usually uses a 24-12-18 chemical fertilizer at 150 pounds per acre. Ms. Young mentioned game birds and ground nesters, and asked Mr. Labrie when he would like to cut. He said now. Ms. Young said we have to advertise it, but we can give Mr. Labrie approval for one mowing now and then plan for yearly contracts later.

Mr. Moore brought up the cost of seeding the other section in September. Mr. Labrie pointed out that the parcel was not fertilized this year.

Mr. Reed made the motion to allow Mr. Labrie to mow the 40 acres and the 8 acres for one year. Ms. Young said she had another bid from Robert Fletcher. Mr. Labrie offered \$300 and Mr. Reed amended his motion to include this price (to be shared at a 2:1 ratio with the Water Dept.). Mr. Berniche seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

HEARING

Mr. Reed said he had received a Notice of Intent from Robin Buckingham and Kristen Mecca of 45 Strong Rd. in regards to a property on 82 Crooked Ledge. Mr. James Gracia, PE was present and explained that they want to construct a driveway across two intermittent streams. He said they bought parcel B and are planning a house, garage and septic system all out of the buffer zone, but that there is no other way to get to the building site, and that he saw the planned driveway as the least intrusive entry. They intend to snake the driveway to preserve most of the large trees. The first proposed crossing would involve two corrugated culverts, which Mr. Gracia said should be enough for the 50-year storm. The second crossing would involve two 15" pipes side by side, and should be close to 100-year storm capacity. Both culverts would be in line with stream channels. In both cases, there would be fabric over the culverts and gravel over that. The first crossing would cause 1506 sq. ft. of wetland loss and the second 704 sq. ft. Therefore, the plan is to do 2430 sq. ft. of wetland replication, some of which would include land on the abutting Fenton property.

Mr. Moore said the Commission would not have the right to approve a plan that involved someone's else's property, and Ms. Young said we would need a release from Mr. Fenton in writing. Mr. Gracia said he would adjust the planned replication area or secure the written approval from Mr. Fenton. One way or the other, the plan would involve replicating species of plants, such as moving saplings, etc. Ms. Young asked if there were any rare or unusual varieties, and Mr. Gracia said none that he saw. He added that they would use a silt fence along the lower driveway part.

Mr. Reed asked when, and Mr. Gracia responded, "yesterday." Mr. Reed commented that he walked the site and that the location of the driveway fits the terrain and that he thinks it is a good plan. He said there was no DEP file.

number yet, and so an Order of Conditions could not be issued yet. He suggested a second meeting, say on June 17, in which the details could be completed. Mr. Gracia asked if the Commission wanted a site visit, and Mr. Reed and Mr. Moore said they had seen it. Mr. Berniche asked for a visit, and Mr. Gracia will make arrangements with him. Mr. Moore said he was comfortable with the plan for now.

The hearing was continued until June 17, 1996.

CORRESPONDENCE

Business

Mass. DEN - forest cutting plan - Wandoloski
Mass. DEP (cert.) - notice of enforcement conference (6/5/96, 11a.m., Springfield regional office) re Holyoke Water Works and Cairns. Mr. Reed said he would attend, and Mr. Moore and Mr. Swanson will try also. Town council will also be approached about attending.
Mass. DEP (cert.) - copies of notices of violations sent to Holyoke Water Works and Cairns
Mass. GIS - draft map and data base for updating (Recreational and Open Space mapping project)
two letters addressed to Ms. Young from Robert S. Fletcher re haying on Szczykta property
Mass. DEP - copy of letter to Southampton Selectboard re cleaning up groundwater

Newsletters, Bulletins & Magazines

Nature Conservancy (2)
National Forests Campaign
Mass. Audubon
MACC newsletter
Environmental League of Mass.

Notices & Requests

Rugg Lumber Co. (request for updated information)
National Parks & Conservation Assn. (survey)
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission - workshop 6/27/96 in Springfield
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission - annual meeting 6/13/96 in Springfield
1996 New England Lake Conference - 6/21-22/96 in Ashland, MA
Carr Research Lab. Inc. - offer services
New England Forestry Federation - workshop 6/8/96 (Wildlife Enhancement for W. Mass. Landowners)
Urban Harbor Institute - Coastal Zone conference 7/20/96 in Boston
Mass. Environmental Trust - water quality meeting 6/7/96, 3:00 p.m. in Hadley

Bulletins

Environmental League of Mass.
Mass. Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board
Mass. Coastal Zone Management - "Coast Lines"
MACC - Early Spring 1996

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Moore moved that \$80 be paid to Mass. Association of Conservation Commissioners (MACC) for membership renewal. Ms. Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Young moved that \$52.63 be paid to Mr. Reed for reimbursement of postage and copying expenses. Mr. Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reed moved that \$7.27 be paid to Ms. Young for reimbursement of expenses for postage and binders. Mr. Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Young moved that \$175 be paid to Mr. Robert Bonneau for secretarial services. Mr. Moore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Young brought up the Gorlip matter, and said she had made a site visit. She said the only wetland has been created by the runoff from Mr. Gorlip's caves. She said Charlie Quimet would go up and have a look.

Mr. Reed reported on a letter from abutters Reinhard E. and Nancy J. Bauer of 11 Madison Ave. to David Conti of Holyoke Water Works. In this letter the Bauers complained of damage to their property from the HWW project. Mr. Reed also said he has had a letter from Tighe & Bond essentially blaming all errors on G. Cairns.

Mr. Reed also reported sending a letter to Pat Sheridan of Tighe & Bond denying a dewatering request for lack of information. He said Bay State Environmental Consultants have been hired by Cairns, and that he had spoken with Paul Davis of BEC. Mr. Davis faxed Mr. Reed a copy of a letter to Cairns outlining immediate actions needed. Mr. Reed said he told Mr. Davis to send him a letter outlining corrections in eleven areas. He said BEC tends to put on a big show at first, and then peter out later. He said we would have to keep on them.

Ms. Young added that the pond on Middle Rd. has been devastated.

Mr. Moore said he has received a certified letter from Noehrke, Wright & Mackie (the law firm representing Cairns) asking for all documents relating to the HWW project. Copies should be ready for the meeting on June 17.

Mr. Moore said he has also received a certified letter from Parker & O'Grady regarding Robert E. Schmidt and the Approval Trust for two parcels on Mountain Rd. Mr. Schmidt wants to have 61a status removed. How should we respond? Ms. Young suggested attaching a note saying that the Southampton Conservation Commission was not interested and passing it on to the Selectboard.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Young reported further on the Szczykta property. She said Max Szczykta asked her about the electric meter on

the red barn, and she told him to transfer the account to the Commission. She added that the Commission should advertise to rent the pasture and hay field, and place another ad for demolition of the old barn. The ads would ask for proposals to be sent to Box 343, and that phone inquiries could be made to her at 527-5832.

Mr. Reed moved to approve these two ads. Mr. Moore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Swanson brought up the Holyoke Water Works project again, and there followed a general discussion of the Mass. DEF enforcement meeting on June 5.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reed reported receiving a Notice of Intent from Elmer Huntley and Associates representing Elizabeth Howlett of 39 High St. The matter involves septic system repair. A hearing was scheduled for June 17.

Mr. Reed reported receiving a call from Ed Searles on May 17 asking the Commission to look at a dam at Alder Meadow Pond. Mr. Searles said that beavers have blocked up the stand pipe and dammed the spillway so that the pond is 3' higher than usual and is approaching Fomer Rd. Mr. Reed said he advised Mr. Searles to write a letter requesting to repair and replace and dispose of whatever was necessary, and that this would be maintenance under an agricultural exemption.

Mr. Moore reported on the Pollution essay contest at the Norman school. He said that only one class entered and that he had Mr. Gentile's recommendations for the top three prizes. Members reviewed the essays and decided to award the following: First place and \$15 to Jessica Waxler, second place and \$10 to Cheryl Kuczynski, third place and \$5 to Kurt Vollinger. Mr. Moore moved to pay those amounts. Ms. Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There was also student named for honorable mention.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32. Next meeting: June 17, 1996 at 7:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Bonneau*

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 6, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Kingsley, Young, Gentile and Berniche. Also present: associate member Swanson.

MINUTES

Minutes of the April 1, 1976 meeting were read, amended, and approved as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

Business

Cedarhurst Picnic & Recreational Park
re seasonal maintenance
Mass. EDEA, Div. of Cons. Services - conditional approval of Open Space & Recreation plan
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, UMARS extension - re: monthly press release on wetland value (first one enclosed)
Mass. Audubon Society at Arcadia - invitation to celebrate Audubon Society Centennial on 3/3/96
Daily Hampshire Gazette - 3/30/76 bill for ads (\$59.24)
Daily Hampshire Gazette - 4/30/76 bill for ads (\$23.29)
P.O. Green cards received:
David Conti - Supt. of Holyoke Water Works
Mass DEP
Kopelman & Paige
Ms. Carol Carson
Holyoke Water Works
Mass DEP - Wetlands Protection Act Regulations and Forms (revised April 5, 1976)
Tight & Bond - copy of S.R. Cairns letter re dewatering valley area at Brickyard Rd.
Forest Cutting Plan - Moose Brook Rd.
Memo from Selectboard Re budget hearing & town meeting
Mass. EDEA - land use management plan re Scaypta Farm
Mr. Kingsley reported receiving an offer for a new 2-year atlas from National Heritage and Endangered Species Program

Newsletters, Bulletins & Magazines

Historic Mass. - conference: Public Places, Private Initiatives - 6/8/76 - Northeastern Univ.
Valley Environmental Services - notice of relocation
Land Conservation Center - notes
Mass DEP - re: BVW Delineation workshops - field sessions, May & June
Nature Conservancy - Spring 1976
NACC - late winter 1976
Darkshire/Pioneer RC & D - 3/6/76 workshops
N.E. Wetland Plants, Inc. - workshop 5/8/76
Environmental League of Mass. - Winter 1976

Mass. Audubon Society - Haepshire Sanctuaries
(newsletter) - Spring/Summer 1996
American Institute of Hydrology - annual meeting &
conf. - Boston, April 21-24, 1996
Sanctuary - May/June 1996
National Parks - May/June 1996
Conservation Law Foundation - annual report 1996
Nature Conservancy - May/June 1996
Conservation Matters (CLF) - Spring 1996

Solicitations

Birdor's World
Trustees of Reservations
World Wildlife Fund
National Wildlife Federation
Mass. Audubon Society
Wilderness Society
Environmental League of Mass.
National Audubon Society

HEARING

Opened at 7:34 p.m., regarding request from Mr. John
Marriman and Camp Construction to remove an old shed and
build a new 32' x 35' shed at 97 Strong Rd. Neither Mr.
Steve Camp nor Mr. Marriman was present. The hearing was
continued.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Preston Brown was present to request permission to
dig and clean out silt at Cedarhurst. He said Tom
Whitely would be doing the work. Mr. Reed moved to
approve, Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed
unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

New balance:	General Expenses:	\$870.78
	40-80	same as last month

Mr. Kingsley reported on same comparison he made
between his figures and those from the town treasurer's
office.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kingsley requested a payment to Mr. Moore of \$31.93
reimbursement for photos and postage. Mr. Reed so moved,
Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kingsley proposed paying Mass. Audubon \$35 for
membership renewal. Mr. Reed so moved, Ms. Young
seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kingsley proposed paying the Environmental Law
Foundation \$35 for membership renewal. Ms. Young so
moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the motion passed
unanimously.

Mr. Kingsley proposed paying the National Heritage &
Endangered Species Program \$45 for a new 2-year atlas.
Ms. Young so moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the motion
passed unanimously.

MAGIC SHOW

The Commission was treated to an environmental magic show put on by 5th & 4th graders from the Norris School, who used materials and instructions purchased by the commission at the recommendation of Mr. Gentile. Members found the show enjoyable and enlightening and afterwards expressed their gratitude to the students.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the continuing concerns about the work of the Holyoke Water Works, Mr. Reed reported that Mass. DEP issued an enforcement order to cease and desist on April 11, 1976. He said the commission has now begun to receive some weekly reports from Tighe & Bond. These are still vague but getting better, he said. Mr. Reed said he and Mr. Moore had been on the phone to Mass DEP. Also, Mr. Reed walked the area for two hours recently with Mr. Swanson and Tim McKenna.

Mr. Moore reported that only some promises had been coming so far. Mr. Reed reported talking to Bob McCollum of DEP, and that Mr. McCollum seems to have been in touch with Holyoke officials. Mr. McCollum finally faxed orders to the City of Holyoke and to George R. Cairns & Sons, Inc. Although Mr. Reed characterized these orders as "toned down a bit," they did set aggressive time frames.

After stating the found facts of non-compliance, DEP issued these orders (summarized):

1. Cease & desist further work in or affecting wetlands except for stabilization.
2. Work shall not be recommenced in a wetland area before stabilization, nor before written documentation has been submitted to DEP and approved by DEP in writing.
3. Work shall not be resumed nor commenced across the Housatonic River nor any stream crossing until documentation of low flow conditions has been submitted to DEP and approved by DEP.
4. Unauthorized wetland alterations described in the facts section shall be corrected in accordance with the following conditions: a) stabilize the Project area and prevent further erosion and siltation, b) a report of all project violations and a plan for coming into compliance shall be submitted to DEP (copy to SCC) no later than May 15, 1976, and c) the Project site shall be brought into compliance no later than May 30, 1976.
5. All reasonable steps to prevent further violations shall be taken.
6. A qualified environmental consultant approved by DEP shall be retained to assist in bringing the Project into compliance, and remaining in compliance, with this order.

Mr. Reed said he looked at Moose Brook before the meeting tonight, and reported that it was badly silted to the west, though they have removed the temporary pipe and opened up the brook.

Mr. Reed then reported on a letter from Tighe & Bond and Cairns detailing dewatering plans, which he characterized as 'inadequate.' He also reported on a copy of a letter to the Board of Health asserting that Cairns had destroyed a Madison Ave. loach field owned by Mr. Robert Smith. The stripping of topsoil and burying fill material is 200 yards from the town's Pequot well.

Mr. Swanson reported on a visit to Rep. Bill Nagle's office regarding wetlands issues. Mr. Reed said the commission needs to stay on top of all this. Mr. Swanson also asserted the need to check the Alder Meadow area. Mr. Reed said that at this point we're relying on DEP.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kingsley moved that the commission pay the Daily Hampshire Gazette \$24.10 for ads. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kingsley moved that the commission pay Mr. Gentile \$181.50 in reimbursement for the environmental magic kit used earlier in the evening by the 5th and 6th graders from the Norris School. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gentile brought up the matter of topics for essay contests at the Norris School. Recycling was discussed as a topic, but the commission settled on "Pollution I See in My Community." Three prizes for each grade--4th, 5th and 6th--were approved, in the amounts of \$25, \$15 and \$10.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Young reported looking at Mr. Joe Gerlip's property on Midland Valley. Mr. Gerlip wants to put in fill, but it is wetland. Ms. Young took pictures of an illegal dump in the area, and recommended a letter ordering that this be stopped. Mr. Moore said Mr. Gerlip should put his request in writing. Mr. Swanson said they should submit a Request for Determination of Applicability, and recommended that the Board of Health be notified about the illegal dump. Ms. Young said she would wait for the photos.

Ms. Young reported that the Fournier property didn't look too bad. Mr. Moore and Mr. Reed agreed.

Ms. Young submitted copies of her Management plan for the Sczypla property, and it was signed by the commission members present.

Mr. Moore suggested filing the Moose Brook forest cutting plan until it has DEP signature(s) of approval.

Mr. Reed reported that Charlie Quiet, Southampton Building Inspector, has asked about the Pasquini property on Frier Rd. He said the catch basin has not been cleaned and

there are new complaints. Ms. Young said it is a zoning problem at the moment, because there are no wetlands involved. Mr. Moore said it's a great pond, and DEN should handle it. He added that we can deal with the problems below, but the top of the hill is out of our jurisdiction. He said oil & fuel is being stored up there, despite a permit being denied.

Mr. Moore stepped down as a member of the commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Moore reported on a modification he would like to make in his project (DEF #289-86). He wants to move two proposed houses (parcels 2 & 4) around because he has found two stone walls and he would like to restore them. This would involve the two houses now being inside the 100' buffer zone. The move would allow the restoration of the walls, and would also allow the preservation of a large oak tree and an enlargement of the green belts. The modifications were approved unanimously.

Mr. Moore resumed his seat on the commission.

Ms. Young moved to adjourn. Mr. Gentile seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 9:27 p.m. Next meeting: June 8, 1996 at 7:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Bonneau*

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 1, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Kingsley, Young, Phelan, Gentile and Berniche.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Paul Dion of Westfield Creative Consultants was present to discuss the construction of a curtain drain for a foundation at 20 Hillside Meadows Drive. This property was lot #12, and came under DEP file #289-80.

Mr. Dion explained that the house on the property has a wet basin and a curtain drain around, but the current silt fence doesn't allow daylight, and the water wants to break out.

Mr. Reed asked if the septic system was installed in accordance with the plan, and Mr. Dion said yes.

Mr. Moore then advised Mr. Dion to go ahead, but put a silt fence around the work, and keep the work out of the wetland line. Mr. Dion affirmed that it was at least 30' inside the line.

Mr. Reed requested that Mr. Dion provide a written request with details, for the record.

Mr. Dion said there would be very little impact.

The final form of the request is as follows: for a modification on DEP file #289-80 to allow for a basement drain to be extended approximately 70' from right rear. The exit is to be riprapped and the area revegetated immediately.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 4, 1996 meeting were read, accorded, and approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

New balance:	40-80	\$2388.70
Same as last month:	General Expenses	(\$1041.47)

CORRESPONDENCE

Business:

P.O. Green cards received:
Richard & Cathy Truehart
Donald & Lynn Hallett
DEP Western Regional Office
Mass. Highway Dept.
Daniel S. Whiteley & Cheryl Ann Whiteley
Mass. Div. of Conservation Services
3 grant proposal forms
Mass. EDEA - 2nd annual recycling report
National Public Safety Survey
Mass. Environmental Trust
letter re Environmental Community Service Program

Daily Hampshire Gazette - bill for ads
American Institute of Hydrology - notice of conference
Newsletters & bulletins

Mass. Audubon Society
Mass. DEP - Div. of Wetlands & Waterways

Magazines

National Parks (National Parks & Conservation Assn.)
Sanctuary (Mass Audubon Society)

Solicitations

Nature Conservancy - renewal notice
National Parks & Conservation Assn. - membership offer
World Wildlife Fund
National Wildlife Federation
Conservation Law Foundation
New England Wetland Plants, Inc. - catalog

Other

Val-pak coupons

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Read reported that the Commission has not yet received the revised Whitely plan from James A. Gracia.

Mr. Gentile reported that he has not yet heard from the boy scout he was to advise on an Eagle project.

Mr. Gentile provided the following information on the Conservation magic kit he discussed at the February meeting. He said the kit was coming this week and the cost would be \$181.50.

Mr. Gentile reported on a letter from the selectboard.

Ms. Young asked if anyone remembered who had originally contacted whom in regard to the Ricker stump dump property abutting the Scrypta property. Members thought it was Mr. Ricker who contacted the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Young brought up the subject of the culvert on Maple St. Mr. Moore and Mr. Read reported having visited with Ed Cauley, and that there would be a shade tree hearing soon.

Ms. Young said that the trees should be replanted because it is a scenic highway. She reported receiving a phone call from a neighbor who wanted to take out some ash trees on the bank of a small stream in the area, but leave the stumps and the cedars.

Mr. Moore thought that would be fine.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kingsley made the following requests:

To reimburse Ms. Young \$30.05 for binders & postage. So moved by Mr. Kingsley, seconded by Mr. Gentile. The motion passed unanimously.

To reimburse Mr. Read \$12.24 for postage. So moved by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. Kingsley. The motion passed unanimously.

To pay the Daily Hampshire Gazette \$58.42 for legal ads. So moved by Mr. Kingsley, seconded by Ms. Young. The motion passed unanimously.

To pay the Nature Conservancy \$35 for membership renewal. So moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Young. The motion passed unanimously.

To pay the National Parks & Conservation Area, \$35 for membership renewal. So moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Young. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kingsley reported having received an offer from the Mass. Environmental Trust about their community service project. The program would supply probationers to work on projects for the Commission, which would in turn have to supply tools, verify hours worked, and purchase the suggested insurance. Members thought this might enable work to be done on the Harbor Trail bridge. Ms. Young agreed to fill out the form.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Moore moved to appoint Mr. Gary Swanson, present at the meeting, as associate member of the Commission. Mr. Gentile seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Swanson accepted the appointment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Moore moved that the Commission go into closed-door executive session for the purpose of discussing Massachusetts Ethics Commission litigation. Mr. Gentile seconded the motion. Members were polled, and voted as follows: Mr. Moore--yes, Mr. Reed--yes, Mr. Kingsley--yes, Ms. Young--yes, Mr. Phelan--yes, Ms. Gentile--yes, and Mr. Berniche--yes. The Commission went into executive session at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The public session resumed at 8:45 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Members began a rather lengthy discussion of work on the Holyoke water project. Mr. Moore said there were absurd, flagrant violations of the Order of Conditions.

Mr. Reed said a citation of non-compliance was sent on March 11, 1996, and a meeting was scheduled on-site for 1:00 p.m. on March 14, 1996. He further suggested that the Commission send a follow-up letter regarding non-compliance issues. He added that Tighe & Bond have not sent weekly reports, and other things have not been done.

Mr. Swanson and Mr. Moore will prepare a letter detailing the previously mentioned points, plus asking for a qualified person on site in fulfillment of one of the original conditions. There was further discussion of the conditions in the area, and Mr. Swanson suggested getting Tighe & Bond to submit a revised plan to protect the wetlands as conditions are now. He further suggested getting the Mass. DEP people here to help with

enforcement. Members agreed that copies of this letter should be sent to Mass. DEP and to appropriate federal agencies.

Further suggestions were discussed. Mr. Moore scheduled a field visit for 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 1996, with the contractor and representatives of Tighe & Bond and the Holyoke Water Dept.

Mr. Moore moved to adjourn, Mr. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 9:21 p.m. Next meeting: May 6, 1996 at 7:15 p.m.

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 4, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Kingsley, and Young

MINUTES

Minutes of the Feb. 5, 1996 meeting were read, amended, and approved as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bill from the Gazette for \$55.80.

Thank you note from Chad Defaney.

Certified letter from Tim McKenna at DEP regarding the Notice of Intent filed by James and Kendra Moore, DEP file #289-86.

Certified letter from Karen Hirschberg at DEP regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Daniel and Cheri Whitely, DEP file #289-87. The letter asks for proof of abutter notification.

From Mass. DEP: copy of Tighe & Bond letter submitting information regarding the application of Berkshire/Essexhampton limited partnership.

Letter from James A. Gracia, P.E., containing information, maps, copies of DEP correspondence, etc. regarding the Whitely Notice of Intent

Notices:

--Stillwagon Bank National Marine Sanctuary seeks members on its new Sanctuary Advisory Council

--Invitation from Weld & Colucci to Open Space Bill signing - 2/12/96

--Mass. EDEA - request for list & maps of phragmites in Southampton

--Mass. DEP - regarding packet of information to be distributed at Holy Cross on 3/9/96. Also, notice on upcoming wetlands training sessions

--Environmental Field Services, Inc. of Leeds - notification of business

--Marine Studies Consortium - December workshop

Newsletters & Magazines:

Mass. Assoc. of Conservation Commissioners: early winter issue, 1996

Preservation Advocate - 1996

Mass. Low-Level Radiation, Western Mass. Board - winter '96

Nature Conservancy - Mar/Apr '96

Solicitations:

Nature Conservancy

National Parks and Conservation Association

WGBY - TV - Ch. 57

Appalachian Mountain Club

World Wildlife Fund

Other:

John Latka & Co., Creative Printing - 1996 calendar

Vai-pak Coupons

HEARING

On a Request for Determination of Applicability from Donald & Lynn Hallett of 33 Lead Mine Road, who want to do septic system replacement and repairs. Check for \$30 in fees has been received. Present were the Halletts and James A Gracia, P.E.

Mr. Gracia said the Hallett's current system is near a "drainage ditch" which leads into a swampy area and thence to west side of Lead Mine Road north of the Cold Spring Road split. His plan is to install a system which would pump up to a leach system some 300' up the slope. He said they filed a Request for Determination of Applicability because the force main will have to cross the ditch, which is really an intermittent stream that normally dries up in May or June.

Mr. Reed said that he, Mr. Moore and Mr. Gracia viewed the site last Thursday, Feb. 29, and the plan would definitely be an improvement since the current system is probably directly polluting the ground water. He asked about a time frame. Mr. Hallett answered the end of May, when it dries.

Mr. Moore agreed with Mr. Reed's observation and added a caution to be sure the work is done during a dry period. Mr. Reed and Mr. Gracia further agreed to discuss buffer zone lines, check lines, and silt fences.

Mr. Reed moved to close the hearing. Mr. Moore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

40-80	same as last month
General Expenses	\$1041.49

HEARING

Present were Cathy Truchart & Richard Truchart, Jr. of 37 Lead Mine Road and Mr. James A Gracia, P.E. Regarding a request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Trucharts, who wish to reconstruct an existing cabin on property they own on Glendale Road. This would involve construction of a new septic system. A \$30 check for fees has been received.

Mr. Gracia explained that the property is at the bottom of a hill on the left side before the Pomeroy Brook crossing. The old cabin is right on the top of a 20 slope above the stream bed on the opposite side of the ridge from the river. Some excavation would be involved, but it would be done carefully and hay bales would be used. The septic work itself would be done on the down slope away from the stream. All work is within the 100 buffer zone. On Feb. 29, Mr. Moore, Mr. Reed and Mr. Gracia looked at the site.

Mr. Reed asked how many trees would be taken down, and Mr. Truchart said one tall pine and stump, plus a couple for the leach field. No oaks would be involved.

Mr. Moore asked if there would be any filling for the septic system, and Mr. Truchart said only on the down slope. Mr. Moore suggested two silt fences on the hill.

Mr. Frank Wayne, of 61 High Street, asked if any of this work would involve his property line, and Mr. Moore added if there would be impact on any of the land in dispute. Mr. Gracia said no work is planned there.

Mr. Moore commented on the steepness of the hill, reiterated the need to install, monitor and maintain two silt fences, and to add more if needed. Mr. Truchart said they planned to do the leach field first. Other than keeping an eye on this hill, Mr. Moore saw no problem.

Mr. Reed moved to close the hearing, Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

HEARING

Present were Dan S. Whitely and Cheri York Whitely of P.O. Box 131, and James A. Gracia, P.E. The Whitelys, who have filed a Notice of Intent, want to construct a driveway to serve a small family dwelling at 69 Maple Street. Checks for \$137.50 in filing fees and \$30 for legal notices have been received.

Mr. Gracia laid out his map of the plan, and Mr. Moore commented that there was a good downhill run. Mr. Gracia said there is another open field behind that does not have good soils for a septic system. In his plan, the driveway would cross an existing stream, and the leach system would lead to a leach field down the hill. Red Brook is 300' away, he continued, and the area is rated 59 CFS for the hundred-year storm, so he would install two 30" culverts side by side, which should accommodate 60 CFS. There would be leak-offs to the woods to reduce the flow.

On Feb. 29, Mr. Reed, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gracia and Mr. Whitely inspected the site. Mr. Reed commented that at that time the stream was flowing, but that he agreed on the location for the culverts. He suggested a riprap at the end despite the small wetlands.

Mr. Moore suggested doing the work when it was as dry as possible, and asked about the planned time frame. Mr. Whitely said as soon as possible, and Mr. Reed agreed on a quick approach, saying it needs to be attacked now, in March or April. Mr. Gracia agreed, saying they would try it in a quiet weather week.

Ms. Young asked about the length of the culverts, and Mr. Gracia said 32', using eight 8' sections.

Mr. Reed said the Mass. DEP number for this project is 0289-87. He added that questions from DEP included whether there would be any replication, and if not get 401 water quality test (Replication was agreed to), and has the width of the crossing been minimized.

Mr. Gracia recapped: replication plan downstream in the vicinity of N6 & S6 wetland signs, consider replications all on the north side of the stream, 330 sq. ft. of replication using whatever is dug out. Mr. Reed said to revise the plan to show this, changed replication planned.

Mr. Moore said his only concern is to try to do the crossing during a drier period, and try to lessen the impact. Some alternatives were discussed, and Mr. Whitely said the end of March was his target time. Mr. Moore further said try to avoid heavy run-off and big storms.

Mr. Reed moved to close the hearing, Mr. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Moore said the new ticketing idea has been postponed.

Ms. Young reported that the deal on the last of ALA is completed, and the deal is closed on the Sczypta property. She said two articles would be needed at the town meeting in June: one to accept 11.5 acres for the water department, and one to accept 106 acres for the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Moore led discussion on material for the Town Report. Included would be such things as how many acres of property have been accepted this year; the completion of the ALA Grant, the Clean Water Grant and the Open Space Grant; the number of RDA's and NOI's handled; the first phase of improvements to the Hazel Young Trail at the Marhan Meadows Sanctuary; etc.

Ms. Young asked for input on the management plans for the Sczypta property for the quarterly report due at the end of March and the final report due in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Young reported receiving a letter from Trudy Coxé about reorganization of Mass. EDEA.

Mr. Moore reported on his attempt to visit to the Strong Road property of Kurt Beaujolaie, who was not home. Mr. Moore said Mr. Beaujolaie wants to repair a drainage pipe and move it across a wetland, but that he should file a Request for Determination of Applicability, pay the \$30 fee, and get on with the paperwork.

Mr. Reed reported a letter from Tighe & Bond, which should go to the Easthampton Commission.

Mr. Moore reported on a public hearing scheduled by the Board of Selectmen for March 12 at 8:00 p.m. to reconsider the matter of Mr. Bruce A. Fournier having a gravel bank on Glendale Road. Ms. Young said no wetland was involved and the only concern would be if he created a wetland. Both recommended that Mr. Fournier should be bonded.

NEW BUSINESS

The following special conditions were agreed upon:

For the Trushart project: a double row of silt fence on the hill near the cabin, and no adverse effects.

For the Hallett project: to be done in a dry time of year.

For the Whitely project: replication area on the north side of the brook, avoid work in or crossing the brook, riprap added at the outlet of the culverts, and do the work in the driest time.

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn, Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 9:04 p.m. Next meeting: April 1, 1996 at 7:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Bonneau*

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 5, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Kingsley, Young, Berniche, and Gentile.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Dec. 4, 1995 meeting were read, amended, and approved as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Conservation Law Foundation
Letter addressed to Ms. Young from Ed & Vi Rojowski, offering 7 acres of land abutting the Sczypta property to the north
Notice from Valley Environmental Services
Letter from James A Gracia: regarding notice from DEP re Jeanette Judge, Stephen Hyde and Onil Langlois matter
Letter from DEP: notification of finding re above matter.
Three letters from DEP, Bureau of Resource Protection
Letter from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Two bills from Daily Hampshire Gazette for ads
P.O. Green cards
1. DEP Regional Office
2. Mr. Onil Langlois
Two boxes of envelopes ordered from the post office
Newsletters:
Mass. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions: two issues: early fall and late fall (1995)
Mass. Audubon Society
Mass. Audubon Society - legislation alert
Magazines:
National Parks - Nov./Dec. 1995
National Parks - Jan./Feb. 1996
Nature Conservancy - Jan./Feb. 1996
Sanctuary - Jan./Feb. 1996
Conservation Matters - Winter 1995-96
Solicitations:
Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter (Habitat for Humanity)
Nature Conservancy (Mass. Chapter)
National Wildlife Federation (3)
World Wildlife Fund (2)
Mass. Audubon Society
Nature Conservancy
National Arbor Day Foundation
Outside
National Geographic
National Geographic Traveler
Wilderness Society
Other:
Colorful Images

John Latka & Co.
Union
Sevalia Kaffe
Val-pak Coupons

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current balances:	40-80	\$2191.20
	Gen. Exp.	1192.47

Ms. Young asked when was the last transaction from the Conant Fund. Mr. Kingsley responded that on Aug. 16, 1995, \$4000 was paid to Burgers and Rossi and \$2000 to FSI Appraisal Co.

Ms. Young said, "They're taking money out of the wrong places." There was some further discussion of the Conant Fund.

Ms. Young moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Mr. Berniche seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

It was reported that DEP had disallowed the Judge appeal. No further action needed on the Commission's part.

Mr. Moore reported on the status of the conditions on his request. He said he did not attempt the crossings due to early snow.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reed reported receiving notification from DEP of a waterways license application (#W95-4731) from Mr. & Mrs. Rybak at the ponds. They want to repair or replace a dock.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Young reported that 10 years ago (1986) the Commission gave to the town \$2000 to help with the Clean Lakes Project, specifically for work on sedimentation basins on Italian Rd. and on the west side of the ponds. Eventually it was decided that this work was not needed on the west side only because it was decided not to build. Elmer Huntley & Associates was the lowest bidder. She said there was nothing further at that point. Now, there is a need to stop the sedimentation, and there is a high coliform count in the area. She said there are now plans for an underground siltation basin, to be pumped out occasionally. Westfield will clean it once a year, and the State and Huntley & Assoc. will monitor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gentile asked about the essay contest that the Commission usually holds for school children. He reported learning of a firm in Texas which sells kits for schools to plan and stage their own magic/environmental shows. He proposed that the Commission spend \$155 for his kit instead of funding the essay contest, and then

give the kit to the Morris school. Members agreed that this was a good idea.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reed reported that a Request for Determination of Applicability from Richard Truchart is forthcoming. Mr. Truchart wants to put in a septic system in the buffer zone on land off Glendale Rd.

Mr. Reed also reported on a forthcoming Notice of Intent from Dan Whitely regarding property on Maple St.

Mr. James A. Gracia is working on both these matters, and the Commission will need to schedule hearings.

NEW BUSINESS

It was reported that the Town Clerk reported the following deadlines for articles for the June Town Meeting. Feb. 12 is the deadline for proposed articles. Non-computer printed material should be in no later than April 15.

Mr. Young said two things need to be accepted regarding the Sczypta property, plus the Commission needs to decide on names for all the parcels it has acquired.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kingsley moved that the Commission pay \$54.98 to the Gazette. Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reed mentioned the NACC annual meeting with workshops, saying that the paper work should go in now. It was decided that Mr. Moore and Mr. Reed would attend at \$48 registration fee per person, plus expenses. Ms. Young moved to approve these expenses, Mr. Berniche seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Moore inquired about the town's new ticketing system, and wondered if the Commission couldn't benefit in some way from this.

Ms. Young initiated some further discussion about the Sczypta property, including measurements for signs, having someone paid to monitor and check out the Commission's property, matters regarding the barn, and much general talk about properties, mail trails, etc.

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn, Mr. Berniche seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 8:52 p.m. Next meeting: March 4, 1996.

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 4, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Kingsley, Young, and Berniche.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Chad Delaney was present to report on his eagle scout project at the Sanctuary. He brought photos to show, and explained that he had fixed the bridge and cleared the path, which took two days work, on two different weekends, October 29 and November 11. The total cost was \$185, of which \$133.85 was the expenses from Fleury Lumber. He reported having one ten-footor left. He has the rough draft of his written report done, and Mr. Reed will sign off on the final version when that is complete.

The other project is coming up in the spring.

Commission members thanked Mr. Delaney for his report and his work.

HEARING

A continuation of a hearing originally scheduled for Nov. 13, 1975. Mr. Dick Barber of the Mass Highway Dept. was present to discuss the project which involves putting berm, curb, and a paved waterway on College Highway near the old Norris farm.

Mr. Reed asked when? and Mr. Barber said next year, part of a district-wide repair contract.

Mr. Reed mentioned that he had taken a look at the Potash Hill problem too. He said that the catch basin up the hill plugs up and freezes in winter. Mr. Barber said that this would have to be part of another contract next year, but he said he would keep an eye on it. He asked commissioners if they could find out exactly what the problem is. Mr. Reed questioned whether something couldn't be done under emergency repairs, and Mr. Barber answered perhaps, if the matter was a relatively simple one.

Mr. Reed moved to close the hearing, Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 30 and November 13 meetings were read, amended, and approved as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

P.O. Green Cards

DEP Western Regional Office

Mark & Nancy Cipriani

P.O. Receipt for payment of \$8 for rental of Box #343

Newsletters:

Hampshire County (?????)

Wetlands Restoration & Banking Program

Environmental League of Massachusetts
Mass. Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board
Nature Conservancy

Solicitations:

World Wildlife Fund
Connecticut River Watershed Council
Nature Conservancy (2)
C & G Enterprises, Inc.
Environmental League of Mass.
Historic Mass.
National Geographic Society
National Parks and Conservation Association
Mass. Audubon Society

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Young reported on the Sacrypta Farm acquisition. She said the commission had some work yet to do, some needed before the final payment can be received, including:

- get copies of necessary deeds to right places
- get copies of survey maps
- create a base map, including topography and trails
- create a permanent property file, to include: deeds, base map, inventory data, management plans, history, ground & aerial photographs, news clippings, management needs, and completed management steps
- walk the property to assess condition of land, noting problems, trails established by usage, condition of adjacent property, instances of erosion, and patterns of public use. Keep field notes and sketch maps in permanent file.
- make a preliminary inventory of habitat, vegetation, rare species, wildlife, birds, insects, amphibians, etc.
- how to advertise barn & pasture on east side of Rt. 10. (Be sure renter agrees to keep barn & fences in good repair)
- identify canal bed, tow path, etc. (should have signs)
- advertise for proposals to remove the barn
- check with Highway Dept. about a parking lot on the barn site after the barn is removed (Ms. Young added that Ed Cauley agrees that the old barn is a good spot for a parking lot)
- establish an ad hoc or advisory committee to consult with users, experts, local historians, etc. to make an initial assessment of management considerations for the property. (Mr. Ed Neid volunteered to do something, and this might be a good task for him, Ms. Young said).

Mr. Reed asked if an RFF was needed. A sign would be needed too.

Commissioners were asked for further ideas, and there was some discussion of how to make a map.

Ms. Young also mentioned that there may be offers from two abutters.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Reed brought up the Cipriani matter. He said a building permit was not issued by Charlie Quimet because the proposed horse barn is too close to the house. There appears to be no place to put the barn outside the 50 buffer zone. He said that Mr. Cipriani would probably be coming back in the spring to ask about putting a barn across the brook, with a bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kingsley moved to pay Mr. Reed \$9.03 reimbursement for postal expenses. Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kingsley moved to pay Ms. Young \$30.24 reimbursement for postal expenses. Mr. Berniche seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The following proposed budget request figures were approved:

postage & envelopes	\$200
memberships	350
tuition at seminars	200
mileage	75
supplies & manuals	275
consultant fees	1200
secretarial supplies	250
legal ads	300

TOTAL	\$2850

Mr. Kingsley asked about calling Hampshire County Department of Regional Services, 99 Main St., Northampton, to order two file cabinets from surplus property, and was given the go-ahead.

Mr. Berniche moved to adjourn, Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 8:57 pm. Next meeting Feb. 5, 1995, unless a hearing is needed in the interim.

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 13, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Kingsley, Young, Phelan and Berniche.

CORRESPONDENCE:

letter for Ms. Young from Sen. Knapik - reprint of Senate Bill #2069, as amended (Open Space Law)
bill for \$8 from P.O. for box rent
bill for \$133.85 from Flourey Lumber
letter of support for Ms. Young from the Southampton Park Commission
bill for \$76.80 from Daily Hampshire Gazette
Mass. EOEPA re Wald/Celucci reorganization plan
National Forests Campaign - petition & solicitation for membership
Mass. DEP - announcement of public watershed meeting for Nov.
Conservation Matters (magazine)
Coastlines (newsletter) - MCZM
letter for Mr. Moore from the Selectboard saying budget proposal, with a brief narrative, is due Dec. 4, 1995

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Expenses \$1279.84 (only change)

HEARING

Continuation of the hearing regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Mr. Onil Langlois of 377 College Highway, to install 120' of drainage pipe, to add clean fill, and to regrade the lot on parcel 19 of map 43, on Middle Rd. The plan was prepared by Mr. James Gracia, P.E.

Mr. Moore reported on a meeting he attended at the Mass. DEP Regional Office in Springfield. Present were Karen Hirschberg, Tim McKenna and Mr. Moore, and the topic of the meeting was discussion of the RDA from Mr. Onil Langlois. Here is Mr. Moore's note on the meeting, which was read aloud, with Mr. Stephen Hyde and Ms. Janette Judge present:

"Because work is outside the 100 ft. buffer zone it is not our jurisdiction. The Commission should carefully document its agreement of the flagging of wetlands. Records of the vote and discussion should be complete. Any people not in agreement have 10 working days to appeal to the D.E.P. and are welcome to do so. They should be sure to file in 10 days or less."

Mr. Reed further reported discussing the matter with Lori Sanders, of Mass. DEP. He also had photos taken on Nov. 2, 1995. He said rains have caused erosion beyond the

siltation fence and in the 100' buffer zone, though he didn't see siltation in the wetlands. The hay bales didn't work because the erosion went under. He said he sent a letter to Mr. Langlois asking for more hay bales.

Mr. Hyde reported that the Blanchette pipe is blocked now and water is going across the street. Mr. Moore said he didn't know where Mr. Hyde could turn now. Mr. Hyde said he would seek his lawyer's advice.

Mr. Reed said he saw no wetland vegetation there, and that he agreed with Mr. Gracia's markers. Mr. Phelan asked if the Commission still had no jurisdiction, even with siltation in the buffer zone. Mr. Moore and Mr. Reed said not unless it reaches the wetland.

Mr. Hyde asked if the Selectboard could do anything, and Mr. Moore said he didn't know. He added that Mass. DEP encourages Mr. Hyde and Ms. Judge to appeal.

Ms. Young wondered if the Building Inspector could do anything, and Mr. Kingsley suggested going to the Board of Health, the Planning Board, the Building Inspector, and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Moore added that the state says the Commission would be out of bounds even asking for an RDA and doing the continuations already done.

Mr. Reed said he did not agree with Mr. Gracia's pipe plans. He added that he looked today and Mr. Langlois had put up more fence. If it rains, he said, it may reach our jurisdiction if the silt reaches the wetland, but even then, Mass. DEP says we can only issue an order to remove the siltation, nothing more.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Reed said they would like Mass. DEP to have a look at it, and they would do so if there were an appeal. Mr. Reed gave some advice on handling the appeal forms.

Mr. Reed moved to close the hearing at 7:53 p.m. Mr. Phelan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reed told Mr. Hyde that the Commission would vote later tonight and the Town Clerk would have a copy of the vote by Wednesday. He suggested certified mail or hand carrying (but get a receipt).

HEARING

Regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability from the Mass Highway Dept. for proposed construction of a berm, paving, driveway grading, adding loam, and seeding near the Morris Farm on College Highway. No one from Mass Highway Dept. was present.

HEARING

Regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability from Mark S. and Nancy L. Cipriani of 5 Garfield Circle. They wish to build a barn/shed and do site grading on their property. A check for \$30 has been submitted.

Mr. Reed noted that this was at the Presidential Circles off Brickyard Road. Mr. Moore noted that the plan shows no

erosion control, and Mr. Reed asked when the work was planned for.

Mr. Cipriani said some now and some in the spring. He said he wants to build the barn now, and that the barn would be much higher than the brook, and 60' from the brook. Mr. Reed suggested that the grading be done in the driest time.

Mr. Moore wondered about erosion potential, and Mr. Cipriani replied that the barn would be just post and beam. Mr. Moore suggested a silt fence outside the barn area, get going on the barn now, seed in the spring, do grading in summer with a silt fence at the bottom. Mr. Reed suggested the Commission having another look in the spring. Mr. Cipriani asked for advice on preventing current erosion.

Mr. Reed said that it might require a Notice of Intent for the grading, not just an RDA. Mr. Moore also suggested checking on the distance between the house and barn, fire insurance, and Mr. Reed said stay outside the 50' buffer zone. Mr. Moore added that hay bales should stay in place until next year's seeding and grading.

Mr. Cipriani said he would like the Commission to have a look in the spring, and Mr. Moore told him to refile for grading in the spring. He also reminded Mr. Cipriani about no work outside the silt fence.

Mr. Reed moved that the hearing be closed. Mr. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

HEARING

Mr. Moore stepped down as a member of the Commission.

Continuance of a Hearing regarding a Notice of Intent filed by James H. and Kendra S. Moore, of 31 Rattle Hill Rd., to repair and replace wetland crossings on parcel 4 of map 12.

Mr. Moore presented the plans. He said they had bought 98 acres adjacent to his property from the Johnson family trust and he proposed to do four houses on lots of 2.5-6 acres each. He said a wetland crossing would be involved, and that he would put in a stone fence and silt fences, etc. This would be a limited crossing, and the work would improve it. Parcels #1 and #2 are outside the 100' buffer zone. Septic systems would be outside the 50' buffer zone. Mr. Reed commented that Mr. Moore would need a silt fence and hay bales for the crossing.

Mr. Moore said the septic systems would be done in the dry season. The crossing work could be done in 48 hours. He presented a sketch for stone bridge crossings, and said he would leave most of the trees and there would be a 20' limit on crossings.

Mr. Reed asked when he wanted to do the upgrade, and Mr. Moore said as soon as he could get an Order of Conditions. Mr. Reed asked if the side slopes would be stone, and Mr. Moore replied that the intake and outflow would be stone. He added that there would be no

disturbing the soils, he would mulch for this year, seed the mulch next year, and place geo-text fabric over the existing soil. He said this would all be 18" above the road and not a lot of fill be brought in. He added that all abutters had been notified and were positive, and that a DEP file number is coming.

Mr. Reed said it is a nice looking project, and Mr. Young said she was impressed. Mr. Moore said Springfield (i.e., Mass. DEP Regional Office) was strongly thumbs up.

Mr. Reed moved to close the hearing, Mr. Phelan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Moore resumed his seat on the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Phelan reported looking at the bridge at the Sanctuary and said the cables were not the problem. The area has often flooded and the banks are going. There was some discussion of possible solutions, perhaps pilings to raise the bridge 5-6' off the bank.

The hearing on the RDA from Mass. Highway Dept. was officially opened at 8:36 p.m. Mr. Reed moved to close and continue the hearing, Mr. Kingsley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Reed said he had sent the letter about the unsuccessful erosion control he mentioned earlier.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kingsley moved to reimburse Mr. Reed \$32.36 for postage, \$5.29 for film, and \$8.45 for developing, for a total of \$46.10. Mr. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Moore reported that Karen Hirschberg (of Mass DEP Western Regional Office) wants to come to a meeting.

Mr. Moore said the head of the Finance Committee asked us to withdraw our request for reimbursements, and members said no, we shouldn't do that.

Regarding the Langlois matter, Mr. Reed moved for a negative finding #1 for the following reasons: 1) we agree with the wetland delineations showing the work outside the 100' buffer zone, and 2) we would express concerns over filling and the proposed pipe, but that they are outside our jurisdiction, though we advise good engineering practices. Mr. Kingsley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the Garfield Circle matter, Mr. Reed suggested a negative finding #2, adding a permit only for the barn at a 50' minimum from the brook, a silt fence around the barn, and suggesting re-filing for grading in the spring.

Mr. Moore stepped down as a member of the Commission. Mr. Reed suggested the following conditions for the Moore proposal:

1. culvert crossings with minimum disturbance to surrounding soils.

2. wetland crossings for leptic systems to be done in driest time of year,
3. do each crossing separately,
4. 48 hours maximum working time for each crossing.
5. monthly reports.
6. all silt fences monitored and maintained,
7. changes require approval.

These conditions were unanimously approved.

Mr. Moore resumed his seat on the Commission.

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Mr. Berniche seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Next meeting: Dec. 4, 1995.

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 30, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Kingsley, Young, Phelan and Bernicho.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mass. DEP - Munsell Color Charts and "Hydric Soils of New England"
Hampshire Conservation District - announcements of workshops on riparian buffers
Marine Studies Consortium
Environmental League of Mass.
Wetlands Report
Appalachian Mountain Club
Mass. Highway Dept. - Request for Determination of Applicability re Rte 10 drainage repair
American Farmland Trust
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
Sanctuary magazine

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 16, 1995 meeting were read, amended, and approved as amended.

HEARING

Continuation of a hearing begun on October 16, 1995, regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Mr. Onil Langlois of 377 College Highway, to install 120' of drainage pipe, to add clean fill, and to regrade the lot on parcel 19 of map 43, on Middle Rd. The plan was prepared by Mr. James Gracia, P.E. Present were Mr. Langlois and Mr. Gracia.

Mr. Gracia asked if the Commission had seen the site, and Mr. Moore and Mr. Reed replied that they had. Mr. Moore reviewed his findings and said that he agreed with the wetland boundary delineated in the plan. Mr. Reed added that he saw three issues: 1) the volume of water through the pipe, 2) the pitch of the pipe, and 3) whether the proposed grading would cause further erosion.

Mr. Gracia commented that the planned work is outside the buffer zone, and Mr. Moore asked whether we are dealing with possible damage in the buffer zone, and whether the work would create more wetland.

Mr. Gracia described the topography and the water run-down patterns. He said that the house above trapped water on the uphill side, and that the water had to come down. He said that the volume of water would not change but that the riprap would change the velocity. He pointed out that it was a steep grade (7%), and suggested that steps in the pipe, with manholes, could help. Mr. Gracia further suggested concentrating the water into one area.

creating a 10' riprap pad and a plunge pool with a sump, and putting a wider throat on the pipe at the discharge area, along with a wide flat area.

Mr. Reed agreed with this, then asked how much fill it would take to raise the lot. Mr. Gracia thought 8-10'. Mr. Reed suggested a manhole at the above end to drop the flow and compacting the soil for a firm bedding underneath.

Mr. Stephen Hyde, of 174 Middle Rd., said that he was representing Mrs. Janette Dodge also, and indicated that they would undertake a civil action against Mr. Langlois. He stated that this plan is a definite redirection of water, and expressed his concerns about downflow damage. He showed pictures he had taken, and said he had talked to others who were concerned as well.

Mr. Moore asked if the hay bales were working, and Mr. Hyde responded that the pictures all show down from the silt fence. Ms. Young said that recent rainfall has been abnormally heavy, and Mr. Hyde said there has never been water up this close in all his life living there. He added that the house above was redirecting water by a drainage system around the house. He suggested that if the town is party to the damage, it could be involved in civil action too.

Mr. Moore indicated he was at a loss as to what to suggest, and Mr. Kingsley therefore suggested that the Commission should continue the hearing until it could consult with the town attorneys, and so moved. Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Later Ms. Young said the Commission should get another engineer to look at the property for us, one with a legal background too. Mr. Reed suggested Mr. Gary Swanson

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Expenses \$1279.03 (only change)

HEARING

Regarding a Notice of Intent filed by James H. and Kendra G. Moore, of 51 Rattle Hill Rd., to repair and replace wetland crossings on parcel 4 of map 12. Mr. Moore asked for another continuance. Ms. Young so moved. Mr. Reed seconded, and motion passed unanimously. Mr. Moore abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Reed reported receiving a Request for Determination of Applicability from the Mass. Highway Dept. regarding the proposed construction of a berm, paving, driveway grading, adding loam, and seeding near the Norris Farm on College Highway. Mr. Reed said we would have to schedule a hearing.

Mr. Reed added a side note about constant erosion of the side of the roadway on town property on College Highway,

saying that the Commission should question Mass Highway Dept. about that when they come for the hearing.

Ms. Young reported receiving the contract on the Szczypta property, adding that the deadline for execution is June 1, 1996. She said it would need the Commissioners' signatures. The final payment would be \$197,120.00, and one condition is that accessible off-street parking be built. She suggested the old barn would be an ideal spot for this. Commissioners agreed to spread the word in preparation for the town meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Reed and Mr. Moore reported that they had been up to look at the hay bales at the Holyoke Water Works project, and that the work looked very good.

Mr. Reed asked about what to do on the Langlois issue, and said that he would call Mr. Gary Swanson, while Mr. Moore would contact the town attorneys.

Ms. Young mentioned the Selectmen's hearing last week, where there was a shade tree hearing for the Blackmer property. Ms. Young went down to the site with the Applundh man and gave the go ahead for the work.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reed said he needed more envelopes. Mr. Kingsley moved that the Commission approve the purchase of two boxes of envelopes at \$19.20 per box. Mr. Reed seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The hearing on the Mass Highway Request for Determination of Applicability, and thus the next Commission meeting, was scheduled for Nov. 13, 1995.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Young asked about the Boy Scout projects. Mr. Reed reported that Chad Dolanoy's party worked yesterday (Oct. 29), and did not finish, though they hoped to do so in 2-3 weeks. Mr. Dolanoy would make a final report later.

Mr. Reed further reported that Chad had raised some funds (approx. \$50), but there is not a final cost figure ready yet. Food for the workers had been paid for from the money raised. Mr. Reed reported that the cables on the bridge couldn't be tightened and said he would have a look. Mr. Phelan said he would have a look too.

Mr. Berniche moved to adjourn, Mr. Reed seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 8:50 p.m. Next meeting, Nov. 13, 1995 at 7:15 p.m.

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 16, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Kingsley, Young, Gentile and Berniche.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Reed introduced Mr. Pat Sheridan of Tighe & Bond, representing the Holyoke Water Works.

Mr. Sheridan explained that the water project is under construction in Holyoke, with some work having begun in Southampton. He offered the following supplemental information on two location plans. The first plan involved two culvert installations (i.e., two 30" mains), and the second plan two 36" mains. He said that they were complying with the General Condition #35C. Condition #15 involved a videotape of the wetland crossings, and Mr. Sheridan presented the tape to the commission at this time. (This was a pre-construction videotape.) He also said that the culvert maintenance agreement, regarding regular inspections and an annual log, had been signed by the Holyoke Water Dept. He requested a site visit by the commission.

Mr. Moore reported that he had done some looking, and Mr. Reed said he had too. Ms. Young expressed some reservations. In response to questions, Mr. Sheridan reported that the mess left from logging will be cleaned up, that hay bales were at a 20' limit, and that a construction schedule has been submitted. He offered to get the commission a copy of the latter. In general, it specifies about 6.5 miles of work to be finished by next November. That translates to one crew working at about 200' per day.

HEARING

Regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Mr. Onil Langlois of 377 College Highway, to install 120' of drainage pipe, to add clean fill, and to regrade the lot on parcel 19 of map 43, on Middle Rd. The plan was prepared by Mr. James Gracia, P.E., who was not present.

Mr. Reed offered a little background, explaining that a complaint had been received from a Mrs. Judge on September 14, 1995 about activity on the property. Mr. Reed visited, and at that time asked the contractor to cease and desist, and file the proper paperwork. Mr. Moore also visited and made a similar request. Mr. Moore said the work appears to be outside the 100' buffer zone, but the drainage pipe is the other problem. There was some discussion of the pipe size.

Mr. Stephen Hyde of 174 Middle Rd. commented about poor drainage, erosion and flooding due to run-off from power

lines. The Mikuski lots run off into Westfield property too, he said.

Ms. Young commented that top drainage was needed as well as underground, adding that it needs an engineer.

Mr. Reed stated that the start of the whole problem was an abutter who did not have a proper design for his house, and in this respect a proposed riprap was helpful but not enough. He further wondered about two possible solutions: one, putting a manhole on Mr. Langlois's property and running a pipe as flat as possible, and two, to expand retention and detention at the other end. Mr. Moore and Mr. Gentile commented about the person who created the problem, and Mr. Reed answered that he is outside the boundary, meaning that the commission has no authority.

Mr. Gentile said that Mr. Gracia's presence would be helpful in answering further questions, and Mr. Moore asked if Mr. Langlois would accept a continuation for two weeks to enable Mr. Gracia to attend. Mr. Langlois consented.

Mr. Hyde expressed concerns about possible sewage coming down, and Mr. Gentile replied that concerns could be voiced to the Public Health Dept.

Mr. Moore summarized the concerns and possible solutions for to be looked into: drainage calculations, slope of pipe, grading the lot, manhole, settling pool, moving the pipe to the rear, and leaching instead of drainage.

The commission agreed to a continuation to Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Moore asked Mr. Reed to contact Mr. Gracia, and the \$30 fee was paid by Mr. Langlois.

HEARING

Regarding a Notice of Intent filed by James H. and Kendra G. Moore, of 51 Rattle Hill Rd., to repair and replace wetland crossings on parcel 4 of map 12. Mr. Moore asked for a continuance. Ms. Young so moved, Mr. Berniche seconded, and motion passed unanimously, Mr. Moore abstaining.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Chad DeLaney, of BSA Troop 210, was present to inform the commission of his planned work at the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary, part of his eagle scout project. He said he planned to clear underbrush and misplaced walkways for about one-fifth of a mile, widening it to 4-6'. He also intends to repair a section of the bridge with broken joists, which would also involve tightening the cables for the handles. He said he was aiming for an Oct. 28 completion date, and projected \$185 in expenses for lumber. Other expenses would be handled by his own fund-raising. This would be for new erosion barriers. He also discussed recycling brush, and was told to make small piles 10'-20' off the path. Mr. DeLaney also submitted some pictures of the area, and Mr. Moore asked

for copies to keep in commission files. Commission members thanked Mr. Delaney for his presentation.

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 11, 1995 meeting were read, amended, and approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Kingsley reported the following balances:

40-80	\$1958.70
General Expenses	1367.64

CORRESPONDENCE

Incomplete information here.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Young announced that Senator Knapik would be present at town hall tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. to formally present the \$197,000 Open Space Grant award for acquisition of the Szczypta farm property. She went on to explain the following breakdown of expenses: \$322,000 is the total to be borrowed, leaving a balance of \$124,780. Of this, \$6,000 for appraisals has already been paid. Ms. Young then asked for \$30,000 from the commission, and said that she will ask the town for the remaining \$88,780 at the Nov. 14 town meeting. These parcels include a total of 106 acres, with some on both sides of rto. 10.

Mr. Reed moved that the commission approve the expenditure of \$30,000 for this purpose to be taken from the Conant Fund. Mr. Berniche seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Young reported on a meeting she attended about a proposed project on the other side of the ponds, at the bottom of Italian Grove Rd.

Mr. Reed reported no response yet regarding the Rail property. Mr. Gentile asked about what was up on the Beaulieu property on Crooked Ledge Rd. Mr. Reed suggested a visit to the latter.

The commission had some further discussion on the Langlois property, and then approved a continuance to Oct. 30, with no action now.

Mr. Kingsley moved to pay the Gazette \$38.40. Ms. Young seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kingsley moved to pay Ms. Young \$3 for postal expense. Mr. Reed seconded, and motion passed unanimously, Ms. Young abstaining.

Mr. Kingsley moved to pay the Post Office \$8 for box rental. Ms. Young seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kingsley moved to pay Mr. Reed \$19.21 for postal expenses. Mr. Berniche seconded, and motion passed unanimously. Mr. Reed abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reed reported receiving a notice from Paul A. Lussier, Inc. that the certificate of compliance on the Pomeroy Meadows property had been filed with the Registry of Deeds in Book 4739, page 2.

Mr. Reed reported receiving from Towne Builders of Easthampton a notice of a Sept. 13 date for the start of construction on lot #13 of Hillside Meadows.

Mr. Moore reported receiving a letter from Baystate Environmental Consultants regarding inspections of lots #10, 12 and 13 on Hillside Meadows. This includes a revised plan for lot #10 from Valley CDC. BEC reported all findings as acceptable.

Mr. Moore reported visiting lot #12, and BEC subsequently said the silt fence would be moved back. Also, Valley CDC requested a modification on lot #10.

Mr. Moore reported receiving a document routing sheet from the selectboard regarding the purchase of a Crooked Ledge property by Mr. Doug Madsen. Mr. Moore asked for comment. Since it's already in 61B, no action was necessary.

Mr. Moore reported receiving a request from Stephen Smith & Norton Garfinkle for a cutting plan on lot #3 on Fomer Rd.

Mr. Moore mentioned receiving a note from an abutter on Regout Rd. No action necessary.

Mr. Moore announced a Regional Open Space planning conference on buffer zones scheduled for Nov. 18 at Arcadia. He requested \$5 to attend.

Mr. Reed mentioned the BWM wetland delineation workshop scheduled for Nov. 4 at Arcadia. He will attend that.

Mr. Moore reported receiving a phone call from Mr. Gary Pasquini complaining about a neighbor planting pine trees. Mr. Gentile will have a look.

Mr. Kingsley asked if the commission should go on record as supporting the proposed bike trail. Members approved such a statement.

Mr. Kingsley moved to adjourn. Mr. Berniche seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 9:14 p.m. Next meeting: October 30, 1995 at 7:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Bourland*

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 11, 1995

Meeting was opened at 7:20 p.m. Members present: Moore, Reed, Young, Berniche, Gentile, and Kingsley

HEARING:

Regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability from Jeffrey Florek of 696 Woodland Way, Russell, MA, concerning lot #7 on Fomer Rd \$30 fee has been paid.

Mr Florek was present and he explained that the request concerns driveway construction, placement of two 12" pipes, haybales and silt fences on either side, and a septic system outside the buffer zone. Mr Moore recommended that the work be done quickly to facilitate reseeding. Mr Reed remarked that Mr Florek had done all the Commission had asked. Mr Reed moved to close the hearing. Ms Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Kingsley reported the following balances:

40-8C account	\$1,891 45
General Expenses	1,899 79
Conant Fund	65,988 10
Wilkinson-Searle	almost \$1000

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Eric Neal, Eagle Scout candidate from BSA Troop 210 was present to explain his plans for work on the Manhan Sanctuary. This involves repairs, trimming, and rerouting a steep section of the trail to make the slope more gradual. Members signed to certify Eric's presentation. Mr Reed reported that Chad Delaney would appear at the next meeting of the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

--4 P O green cards (DEP, Mass Highway Dept, Blackmer, and Pasquini)
--Baystate Environmental Consultants regarding Hillside Meadows, lots 10, 12, & 13
--Mass DEM, regarding cutting plan from Stephen W Smith (Garfinkle, on Fomer Rd)
--PV Planning Commission
--DEP - Title V approved alternative systems exhibits
--Mass DEM, regarding cutting plan on Pequot Rd
(Halon)

--Mass DEM, regarding cutting plan from Oleksak
--Atty Howard Koski - \$30 fee re 8:00 p m hearing
--Mass Audubon - Birdseed Day notice
--Magazines & Newsletters: Arcadia. MACC (2). Nature
Conservancy (2), Sanctuary, MCZM
--Notice of Intent from the Selectboard regarding
special town meeting
--Notice of Intent for cutting plan from Halon -
Pequot Rd
--Berkshire/Pioneer RC&D regarding DEM-sponsored
workshops
--MACC Coastal workshop notice
--Offers & solicitations: World Wildlife Fund,
National Wildlife Federation, John Latka & Co (printing &
mailing)

OLD BUSINESS

Mr Moore reported a site visit to the ~~Pomeroy~~^{Pomeroy}
Meadows project on August 15. All seems OK. Certificate
of compliance was signed to be sent to Lussier & Jacques

Regarding lots 10 & 13 on Hillside Meadows, Mr Moore
reported receiving a letter from Baystate Environmental
Consultants saying that a siltation fence would be
installed this weekend. The letter further described the
work and current conditions and actions.

Mr Gentile reported receiving a ~~letter~~^{call} from Mr. Tim
McKenna of the Attorney General's office regarding the
Mikuski property on Pequot Rd. Mr McKenna requested
photos and a copy of the cease and desist letter.

HEARING

Scheduled for 8:00 p m, regarding a Request for
Determination of Applicability from Richard and Angola
Kiel of Norwich Lake, Huntington, involving property on
Coleman Rd. (parcel 1 - map 20)

No one was present for this hearing. A site visit
was held on Saturday (9/9/95). Mr. Reed reported on the
site visit, saying he was not comfortable with the wetland
delineation, citing lots of inaccuracies. ~~He~~^{They} even
reported finding a brook not indicated. A continuation of
the hearing was agreed upon. Mr Young moved to table.
Mr Reed seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Ms Young reported a PVPC hearing on a sedimentation
basin on the east side of Hampden Ponds. The hearing is
scheduled for 10:00 a m on Sept 14. She will attend and
keep the Commission informed.

Ms Young reported a Sept. 19 deadline for ~~an~~ article^s for Special Town meeting Mr Moore suggested filing a request for appraisal reimbursements

NEW BUSINESS

Mr Kingsley moved to pay Ms Young \$2.62 reimbursement for postal expenses Mr Gentile seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, Ms Young abstaining

Mr Kingsley moved to pay Mr Bonneau \$4 71 reimbursement for postal expenses Mr Moore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Ms Young moved to pay Amherst Environmental Laboratory \$80 Mr Kingsley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Ms Young moved to pay the Gazette \$44.82 Mr Kingsley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Mr Reed moved to pay Max Sczypta, et al \$400 out of 40-8C account regarding property at 69 College Highway (Reimbursable) Ms Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Mr Reed moved for a negative Determination of Applicability regarding the Florek request Mr Gentile seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Mr Moore moved to adjourn. Ms Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p m Next meeting: Oct 16, 1995 at 7:15 p m

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 14 1995

The meeting was opened at 7:18 p m Members present:
Reed. Young. Berniche. Gentile. Moore

CORRESPONDENCE:

- letter from D I Bean. Inc regarding RDA from Jeffrey Florck
- Mass DEP - revised "Rules for Adjudicatory Proceedings
- Jimmy Carter - request for money
- City of Holyoke, Conservation Commission - copy of Order of Conditions for County Rd. reconstruction
- Daniel A Oleksak, RPLS - Notice of Intent for cutting plan on Edwards Rd. (\$2 52 postage due)
- Mass DEM - Notice of Intent re Stephen W Smith for cutting plan on Fomer Rd (\$ 49 postage due)
- Hampshire Conservation District - annual accomplishments
- Hampshire County Commissioners re Conte Refuge Project
- Amherst Environmental Laboratory - invoice for water testing - \$40
- Fleury Lumber - notice of accounts opened for Boy Scout work at Manhan Sanctuary and sign work at the Nancy I. Whittemore Conservation Area off Pomeroy Meadow Rd
- Daily Hampshire Gazette - bill for legal ads
- Mass DEP - re Blackmer (cutting plan???)
- Notional Parks and conservation Association

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. emended. and accepted as emended

HEARING: Present were Ronald Nadeau and Marjorie Laveck who are seeking approval for septic system repairs at their residence at 236 Pomeroy Meadow Rd. They are already tied into town water. Mr Reed explained that there would be no work in the 100-yr. flood plain. While the existing tank is within that flood plain. the plan calls for it to be crushed and filled in

Mr Moore commented that the plan looks like a definite improvement. He noted that they would fill back from the excavation and asked if any additional fill was planned. The answer was no. Mr. Reed agreed that the plan looked like a definite improvement. He commented that the well should be filled because of the distances. and said it's safer anyway. Mr Moore said that a silt

fence should be in place first and it should be maintained until vegetation is established. Mr. Reed asked about Board of Health approval, and was told that comes later.

Mr. Reed moved that the hearing be closed. Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

--Association of Environmental Scientists, Inc. regarding RDA for the Riel property on Coleman Rd. they ask that the Commission accept their wetland boundaries. Mr. Reed said a site visit should be scheduled for this, adding that it would take some time. The visit was scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 1995 at 9:00 a.m., and the hearing was scheduled for September 11, 1995 at town hall.

--memorandum from Tighe & Bond regarding the new water line. Members recalled that the contractor is required to do some things prior to work starting. -----

----- (Get copy from MR) ----- The Commission has to monitor

- 1 notification
- 2 wetland sign
- 3 videotape
- 4 test pits
- 5 copies of Order of Conditions must be kept on

site

- 6 mats must be used for pipeline work.

Mr. Gentile asked if a letter should be sent, and Mr. Reed agreed.

--Ms. Young reported a letter from Lussier & Jacques regarding DEP 3289-74 (item #11), saying that the project has been completed. This is in reference to the Pomeroy Meadow Rd. property and the Meadow Lane project.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion over what properties to visit tomorrow on the walk scheduled tomorrow (August 15) with Carmine Angeloni of Mass DEM. The Commission settled on Pomeroy meadow Rd., Cook Rd., the Manhan Sanctuary, and Parsons Memorial.

Mr. Reed stepped down as a member of the Commission. Order of Conditions were signed for the project on Blackmer & County Rd.

Mr. Reed resumed his seat on the Commission.

Mr. Reed reported that there has been filling in of brush into a brook area behind property on the corner of East St. and Clark St. He said there might even be town property involved, i.e., park land. Mr. Reed will send a letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

A negative determination #3 was agreed upon regarding the Nadeau & Laveck request. The project should be carried out as submitted and as stated and should be monitored by environmental engineer Jim Gracia

OLD BUSINESS:

On August 7, 1995, Members Gentile, Kingsley, Young and Moore went on a site visit to the Pasquini property on Freyer Rd. They found the work well outside of the wetland and Mr. Pasquini was advised about grading on the west side. There were no apparent problems. Neg DEP #3 ???

Regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Jeffrey Florek for lot #7 on Fomer Rd, it was determined that the \$30 has not been sent and no action will be taken until that is received.

Mr. Gentile and Mr. Reed agreed to be coordinators for Boy Scout eagle projects.

Ms. Young moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mr. Berniche seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Next meeting: September 11, 1995 at 7:15 p.m.

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JULY 31, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. Members present: Moore, Young, Reed, Berniche, Phelan, Gentile and Kingsley

CORRESPONDENCE:

- magazines: National Parks, Preservation Advocate, Conservation Matters
- MACC newsletter
- MADEP bulletin
- three items from Nature Conservancy
- renewal offer from National Parks and Conservation Association
- Val-Pak coupons
- offer from World Wildlife Fund
- P O green card re letter to Glendale Road Trust, Birmingham AL
- letter from Marjorie Laveck and Ronald Nadeau regarding septic system repair at 236 Pomeroy Meadow Rd.
- P O yellow card indicating certified letter to be picked up Ms. Young will do so

HEARING

Mr. Reed stepped down as a member of the Commission

Present were Mark W. and Carolyn A. Blackmer, represented by Mr. Reed. The Blackmers wish to build a single family house on Brickyard Rd. Ext. across from Parsons Memorial Forest. The house would be 165' west of Moose Brook and there is a farm pond behind the property. Fifty percent of the house and all of the garage would be inside the buffer zone, and the property line is approximately 20' from the pond. The septic system would be entirely out of the buffer zone, but the well in it. This is necessitated by the local bylaw requiring 150' between the well and the septic system. There would be a walk-out basement, and there is not a lot of site work planned. A siltation fence 45-50' from the brook would represent the limit of work. The perk rate has been determined to be 2 inches per minute.

The hearing was closed and the Blackmers were told that the Order of Conditions would be prepared and sent to them shortly.

Mr. Reed resumed his seat on the Commission.

HEARING

Continuation of a hearing regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Mr. Gary Pasquini, who was present, regarding his property on Freyer Rd.

Mr. Pasquini explained that he had been filling in a 20' drainage ditch with loam from the back of the lot. Apparently he had stripped 30' from the buffer zone in the process. Mr. Pasquini indicated his intention to sell the property as a lot or to build on it.

Mr. Moore said that the Commission should schedule a site visit, and that Mr. Pasquini should install some sort of erosion barrier on the downslope to keep it stabilized in the meantime.

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 10 meeting were read, emended, and approved as emended

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Kingsley reported that \$9 27 was returned to the town for FY '95

Ms Young had a question regarding the Conant Fund

OLD BUSINESS

A site visit to Mr Pasquini's property on Freyer Rd was scheduled for Monday, Aug 7, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr Bonneau will call Carmine Angeloni to schedule a day of walking Commission properties.

HEARING

Mr Reed stepped down as a member of the Commission

Regarding the proposed improvements on County Rd by the Mass Highway Department. Representing that department were Michael F Gragnolati, environmental analyst and soil scientist, and Paula K Kukučka, District 2 Environmental Engineer. Also present was Mr Bruce Coombs of Heritage Surveys. Mr. Gragnolati explained that the work would involve a complete renovation of the road from the Westfield line 2.2 miles northerly to East St. This would include two 12' travel lanes, 4' berms, and a sidewalk. North of East St the work would include repaving and replacement of the storm drainage pipes.

The state has identified, for this project, two wetland areas near the work, calling them Southampton Wetland #1 and Southampton Wetland #2. Mr Gragnolati first discussed #1, near station 1 + 70 on the roadway. Presently a good deal of sand and salt from winter road treatments go into the brook. A new 2' sump system in the catch basins would take out much of the sand and silt, and this would require yearly maintenance. There would also be less sand and salt with the improvements because there would be less need for them in the winter.

Mr Gentile mentioned that these plans had already made it through the MEPA review.

Mr Gragnolati then moved on to wetland site #2, north of East St. Plans there call for installing new pipe, abandoning the present one, and installing new drainage from County Rd. This would involve disturbing approximately 75 sq. ft. of wetland and replacing it with 250 sq. ft. of replication. Also, the old pipe was 30" and the new will be 36". New sumps would be put in with any new ditch basins, and 3 old sumps on County Rd. will be replaced.

Ms. Young asked about projected drainage increase involved, and it turned out to be projected as essentially the same.

Ms. Barbara LaFlam of Cook Rd. had questions about notification, right of way, blue line stream, what was included on the map, and pollution.

Mr Gragnolati indicated that pollution would be reduced because sumps would remove much silt and sand, thereby removing polluting nutrients that stick to them, that the need for salt and sand on the road would be reduced by a quarter to a third, and that the other plans would also contribute.

Ms. LaFlam also asked about the pipe differences, and Mr Gragnolati explained that because there would be less drainage velocity due to the wider pipes, the lesser slope angle and the planned riprap to break up the water rush.

Mr Gragnolati explained that the old riprap is pretty much gone, and the he felt the project would result in general improvements all around

Mr Edmund LaPrade of County Rd asked about the sidewalk distance, and Mr Gragnolati said they would be closer to the houses but still inside the right of way

The hearing was closed

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Barbara LaFlam of Cook Rd made a request for copies of all commission minutes from March on. Mr Bonneau said he would make the copies and mail them

Mr Moore proposed the following special conditions for the Blackmer property:

13 The silt fence will mark the limit of work not to be crossed.

14 The engineering firm will monitor the work and make monthly reports to the Commission

These were approved unanimously

Mr. Gentile suggested that there be no special conditions for the County Rd reconstruction, and though Ms Young said she would prefer occasional retention ponds, the Commission unanimously approved no special conditions for this project.

Mr Reed resumed his seat on the Commission

Mr Reed mentioned the Request for Determination of Applicability from Ronald Nadeau and Marjorie Laveck of 236 Pomcroy Meadow Rd He said plans were prepared by Mr Jim Gracia, and that the work would be within the 100' buffer zone and the garage is inside the 50' buffer zone An August 14 hearing was set

Mr. Gentile asked if there was any word from the sign maker or the Boy Scouts and Mr Moore said nothing yet from either

Mr Kingsley moved to pay Ms Young \$30.55 in postage reimbursements. Mr Berniche seconded and the motion passed unanimously, Ms. Young abstaining.

Mr Kingsley moved to pay Burgess and Passi \$4000 and FSI Appraisal \$2000 from the Conant Fund for appraisals Mr Berniche seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Ms. Young showed photos of the property involved.

There was some general discussion about Commission-owned land and of the GIS map Members Phelan and Berniche and Mr Bonneau reported on their attendance at the MADEP workshop on the new wetland determination standards. All three indicated a fruitful and worthwhile experience.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. Next meeting: August 14, 1995. at 7:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Bonneau*

SOUTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 10, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Members present: Moore, Young, Reed, Berniche, Phelan and Gentile.

CORRESPONDENCE

--letter from Michael Proctor of Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc. regarding the detention basin and cross culvert at Hillside Meadows and Glendale Rd.

--a copy of a letter sent to the Board of Selectmen by Atty. Alan J. Zedonis regarding property owned by Frank and Josephine Gerlip on Old County Rd. (parcel 2--tax map 43, lot #20). The letter indicates the Gerlips' intention to deal with the Forest Tax lien on the property.

--letter to Hazel Young from the Mass. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs regarding Open Space and Recreation Plan.

--letter from the Mass. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs regarding County Rd reconstruction.

--Post Office "green card" indicating delivery of letter sent to Jeffrey Florek.

--Sanctuary magazine

--Nature Conservancy magazine

--flyer from National Parks and Conservation Association regarding Delta Queen Four Rivers Voyage.

--animal cards (advertisement)

--to Hazel Young, a copy of a letter sent to the Board of Selectmen from the Mass. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The letter acknowledges receipt of application for an Urban Self-Help Grant.

HEARING

Continuation of a hearing regarding Hillside Meadows properties, particularly the detention basin at Hillside and Glendale. Present was Mike Proctor of Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc. Mr. Proctor said that the detention basin seems to be in fine shape and conforms to the requirements. He spoke of plans to put in a riprap at the end of the pipe that crosses Glendale Rd., and that Ed Cauley had said OK to this. Access is still not settled, though one neighbor seems agreeable. Mr. Proctor said the owners would like to proceed with lot #12, and that there are pending sales on five other lots.

Ms. Young commented that she has seen obvious wash in the detention basin from recent rains, and Mr. Reed mentioned Ed Cauley having as-builts for the area.

Mr. Proctor said surveying began Thursday (July 6). Owed fees have been addressed. Mr. Chuck Connors of the Taylor Agency initiated a short discussion about access to do the work.

Mr. Gentile asked "What Now?" and Mr. Reed made a motion to issue an Order of Condition for lot #12 only, that would include the following special conditions:

13) Limit of disturbance and erosion control line shall be staked out by Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc. No work of any kind shall take place between this line and wetland.

14) Southampton Conservation Commission shall be notified 72 hours prior to any construction.

15) During construction, Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc shall inspect and provide the Southampton Conservation Commission with monthly reports. Any change in plans will require an as-built plan submitted to the Southampton Conservation Commission.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Young.

Dick Walker, CPA for the Glendale Trust, indicated willingness to set up a trust, perhaps of \$1000 or more, for the work to be done so that they could proceed on other lots. Mr Reed asked about how the Commission would set up such an account. Mr Walker indicated that lots 10, 12, 13 and 14 are under deposit.

Mr Reed reminded the Commission that there was a motion on the table regarding lot #12. This motion was then approved unanimously.

Mr Reed then made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for lots 10, 13 and 14 that included the following special conditions:

13) Limit of disturbance and erosion control line shall be staked out by Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc. No work of any kind shall take place between this line and wetland.

14) Final house footprint and layout must be approved by the Southampton Conservation Commission prior to issuance of a building permit.

15) Southampton Conservation Commission shall be notified 72 hours prior to any construction.

16) During construction, Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc shall inspect and provide the Southampton Conservation Commission with monthly reports. Any change in plans will require an as-built plan submitted to the Southampton Conservation Commission.

The motion was seconded by Mr Gentile, and was approved unanimously.

There were questions about how to notify the Commission, and those were resolved. Mr Reed reminded everyone that lot #11 is left open at the moment. There was also some discussion about what would happen if access proved to be a problem in dealing with the Hillside/Glendale situation, though with no definite resolution.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Present was Michael Conlin to continue his discussion of last meeting regarding work he wants to do repairing ditches on his land used for haying. He brought a new letter with him that included the details asked for last meeting, including that he would be using a backhoe, and that the area would be reseeded with timothy and rye. Mr Gentile said it sounded good, and members agreed that Mr Conlin could proceed.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Mr Conlin also discussed improvements he saw as needed at the Sanctuary at Manhan Meadows, and the possibility of Boy Scouts doing some of the work as eagle projects. Mr Conlin mentioned particularly rebuilding the dangerous entrance with logs and fill, repairing the Barcomb Bridge and railing, shoring up some shaky or uneven boardwalks, putting up a railing on the bridge across the brook, repairing stairs, and generally clearing around and over paths. Ms

Young and Mr Moore asked about the cost for materials, and discussion ensued about the method of setting up a special account at Fleury Lumber for the materials. It was decided that Mr Conlin would return, possible at the July 31 meeting, when more of the details would be worked on both sides

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Mr Tom Whiteley was present with a letter regarding agricultural maintenance work he wants to do on Coleman Rd for Mr Dwight Tiffany, specifically: work on culverts and drainage swales, using a backhoe and bulldozer, installing hay bales, and reseeded with rye, timothy and clover Ms. Young moved for approval, Mr Gentile seconded, and members approved unanimously

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Mr Brooks Carswell was present to discuss the details of making a sign at the access entrance for the Pomcroy Meadow open space He briefly outlined his ideas and mentioned a total cost of \$450 for materials and labor Mr Moore prevailed upon him to consider donating his labor and Mr. Carswell smilingly agreed.

Mr. Reed moved for approval of \$225 for the project, and for the area to be named the Nancy Whittemore Conservation Area Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 26 meeting were read, emended and approved unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Mr Reed moved that \$104.62 be allotted to reimburse Mr Bonneau for secretarial supplies. Ms. Young seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding a letter sent to Mr Gary Pasquini on June 7 informing him that since he was not present at the scheduled June 5 hearing on his property on Freyer Rd., it was opened and continued to tonight (June 26), and he was asked to attend. Mr Pasquini was not present. Members discussed what to do next, and Mr Reed, Mr Gentile and Ms. Young agreed to go out and have a look.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Young commented on information she received regarding Silvio O Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuges.

OLD BUSINESS

Members completed work on the map requested by the Mass. Site Discovery Program regarding possible sources of contamination of Easthampton's water

NEW BUSINESS

Ms Young receiving a letter from Andrew J Pignatore regarding competition for grants.

Members signed four Orders of Conditions for Hillside Meadows properties and signed the warrant for \$104 62 reimbursement.

Ms. Young moved to allocate \$500 combined for work on the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary (\$275) and the Pomeroy Meadow conservation area sign (\$225). Mr Reed seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Mr. Reed said he had received a Notices of Intent from the state regarding County Rd. reconstruction, and from Mr Blackmer regarding his desire to build a house on Brickyard Rd. Extension.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p m. Next meeting July 31. 1995

Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Bonneau