

Southampton Conservation Commission (SCC)
Meeting- December 7, 2009
Southampton Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendees: Charlie McDonald, Randall Kemp, Juliet Locke, Robert Barcomb, Timothy Deshaies, Matthew Christy arrived at 8:43 PM.

Absent: Courtney Haff

Public Present: Marla Hanc, Kyle Plantier, David Boyle

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Open Time to the Public

7:06 PM Mr. Plantier, property owner of 71 Pleasant Street was present. Mr. Christy and Mr. Kemp conducted a site visit and determined that the applicant should file a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) with the Conservation Commission. It was determined that no new wetland delineation was required.

7:14 PM David Boyle was present to request a Certificate of Compliance for 22a and 22b Hillside Meadows Drive. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday December 12 at 8 AM.

7:21 PM A building inspection site visit was scheduled for 7 Whispering Meadow Lane on Saturday December 12 following the Hillside Meadows site visit.

Regular Business

Review Minutes:

7:24 PM Meeting Minutes from 11/2/09– Motion made by Mr. Barcomb to accept the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Mr. Christy, motion passed unanimously.

7:31 PM Meeting Minutes from 11/16/09– Motion made by Mr. Barcomb to accept the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Mr. Deshaies, motion passed unanimously.

7:48 PM Treasurer's Report:

The commission signed the following accounts payable:

- P10-11, \$3,879.26 – Payable to the Highway Department, \$90.00 – Payable to Ms. Hanc for attending the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) Conference
- P10-12, Payable to Mr. McDonald for miscellaneous supplies and MACC Conference
- P10-13, Payable to Mr. McDonald for miscellaneous supplies and mileage
- P10-14, Payable to Mr. McDonald for an MACC Handbook for Mr. Deshaies

A motion was made by Mr. Kemp to pay the above. Motion seconded by Mr. Deshaies, motion passed unanimously.

8:08 PM Correspondence:

The commission briefly discussed how to properly document all correspondence that comes in via email. Juliet Locke will save all email correspondence and burn to a disc at the end of each year in order to properly file in the Southampton Conservation Commission records. Only emails relating to ongoing projects will be printed for the files.

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- Letter from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to the Southampton Planning Board dated 11/12/09 regarding the Southampton Country Club;
- Letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs dated 10/30/09 regarding open space and recreation plans;
- Letter to David Foulis of the Department of Environmental Protection from Charles Douchy, Environmental Consultant regarding Red Brook Estates and the Riverfront Area Mitigation Status Report for 2009; and
- Letter to David Foulis of the Department of Environmental Protection from Heritage Surveys requesting a Certificate of Compliance for Red Brook Estates.

8:17 Town Meeting 1/5/2010

Community Preservation Committee funding will be presented at this Town Meeting. The Howland property will also be presented at the Town Meeting, if they accept our appraisal. The Szczypta Farm lease agreement will need to be presented at the Town Meeting as well.

8:19 Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Mr. Kemp was present at the previous Community Preservation Committee meeting. Apparently the committee was not happy that they were not acknowledged on the sign that was made for Wolf Hill Sanctuary. It was discussed that it is important to give credit where it is due so that residents are aware of what the local boards/commissions/committees do for the Town. It was decided that hand-outs at the Town Meeting may be appropriate, Mr. McDonald to work on those.

8:24 What You Need To Know About Wetlands Protection pamphlet

Reviewed the pamphlet that Ms. Locke modified. Ms. Locke will send the file to Mr. McDonald via email. A motion was made by Mr. Barcomb to print 250 of the amended pamphlets. Motion seconded by Mr. Kemp, motion passed unanimously.

8:30 Discussion

Discussed the needs for a Conservation Agent, possibly part-time. The need for a by-law was also discussed. Mr. McDonald had been reviewing the Boxford by-law as an example. To be discussed further in the future.

8:38 April West, Route 10

Mr. McDonald spoke with Ms. West via telephone, regarding property on Route 10 adjacent to Goral Farms. Ms. West would like to build a house on the property. Mr. McDonald printed some maps for the commission to view. The commission agreed that it does not appear that the property was in our jurisdictional area. She may be responsible for filing with Natural Heritage.

8:58 PM Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Barcomb to close meeting, seconded by Mr. Kemp. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting scheduled for 1/11/2010.