

Southampton Master Plan Implementation Committee

Quarterly Report to the Select Board (for July, August, September 2015)

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2. Other reports

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The Historical Commission has completed work on a Demolition Bylaw, with the cooperation of the Planning Board, and hopes to put it forward to a town meeting in the near future.

The Planning Board has contracted with PVPC for a revision of existing zoning bylaws. The Board also plans to update the Solar bylaw, create what has been called a "chicken bylaw," and work on a noise bylaw.

The Conservation Commission continues work on trail maps. Its application for a DCR grant for a bridge to link trails in the Whittemore area to Easthampton trails and an elevated walkway through wetlands was successful to the amount of \$50,000.

The Housing Authority reports no new activity.

The Park Commission has received a donation which in combination with CPA monies will fund the installation of a new playscape at Conant Park. It is working to recruit paying users for the new ball diamond and soccer field on Strong Road.

The Select Board will be reviewing the question of the Public Safety Center next year. It continues to contribute to the efforts to complete the Greenway project.

2. Other reports

The Water Commission reports very heavy use of water in recent months requiring the purchase of water from Easthampton. Regarding Master Plan calls for additional piping loops and no plans to extend lines, there is nothing planned in the near future. However Mass. DEP calls for a new water system master plan by 12/16