



**Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
June 4, 2018
Pembroke Town Hall, Room 3**

Disclosure: These minutes are not verbatim – they are the administrative agent's interpretation of what took place at the meeting.

All materials presented during this meeting are available in the Pembroke Conservation Commission office.

Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 22.

Members present: Robert Clarke, Member and Agent; Arthur Egerton, Member; Richard Madden, Member; Sandra Simon, Member; Mark Sotir, Chairman
Members absent: Scott Glauben, Vice Chairman; Sharon McNamara, Member
Staff present: Rachel Keller, Administrative Agent
Invited guests: Edwin Thorne, Pembroke Town Administrator; Willard Boulter, Pembroke Selectman

At 7:00PM, Mr. Mark Sotir, Chairman, opened the meeting and asked the members to introduce themselves, and then stated that the proceedings would be made available to the public through video or audio broadcast on the PACTV Government Access Channel for broadcast at future dates and that all comments made in open session would be recorded.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Meeting minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Madden to accept and approve the draft minutes of the May 21, 2018 meeting, as written. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Forms for signature

A motion was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Glauben to issue a certificate of compliance for 217 Wampatuck Street. Mr. Madden abstained from voting due to absence during prior discussion about the project. All other members in favor. Motion passed.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) – 0 Woodbine Avenue – Thorne

The agent explained that this request was submitted by Pembroke Town Administrator, Mr. Edwin Thorne, to authorize the replenishment of sand at Little Sandy Bottom Pond beach. Mr. Madden stated that there is an erosion problem on the beach and oil slicks problems that develop there all of the time. He would like to see a long-term plan to address the problems, rather than simply replenishing the sand every year.

A motion was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded Ms. Simon to close the hearing and issue a negative 3 determination. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Notice of Intent (NOI) – 45 Taylor Street, Libby's Lane – K&G Development Corporation (DEP File # SE056-1014)

The project representative requested a continuation via email to wait for the completion of the peer review. Hearing was continued to the next available meeting date – Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7:40PM.

DISCUSSIONS

Herring Run Park

Mr. Edwin Thorne, Pembroke Town Administrator, and Mr. Willard Boulter, Pembroke Selectman, discussed at length a project that would include involvement of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the Pembroke Herring Fisheries Commission, the Pembroke Conservation Commission and the Pembroke Board of Selectmen to utilize a \$100,000.00 earmark that was received from the state for Herring Run Park improvements to handicap accessibility and a fish ladder. There was discussion about including the permanent placement of the water wheel in the project and further discussion about whether the formerly approved and amended order of conditions (OOC) for the temporary placement of the water wheel could be amended to reflect the permanent placement or if the filing of a new notice (NOI) of intent would be necessary. Mr. Thorne informed the members that he is meeting with representatives of Weston & Sampson to begin to develop a plan for the project.

The agent suggested that the applicant file a new NOI for the permanent placement of the water wheel. Mr. Boulter then narrated a history of the application that was submitted for the placement of the water wheel in 2013. He also mentioned that he and Mr. Thorne will be meeting with Brad Chase of the MA Division of Marine Fisheries to develop a plan that will incorporate a fish ladder around the permanent placement of the water wheel. There was discussion about concerns about timelines and funding expiration. Mr. Thorne informed the members that he is arranging the necessary planning meetings to ensure time is used effectively and so that funds will be utilized appropriately and timely. Mr. Thorne stated that he would return to a future meeting after meeting with Brad Chase.

Luddam's Ford

Mr. Thorne informed the members that he met with the members of the North River Commission. He asked the conservation commission members what type of tree they would suggest as replacements for the ones that were removed. Mr. Madden suggested elm trees. Mr. Thorne then asked where the trees should be placed, mentioning that placement near the bridge should not be considered. Mr. Madden stated the trees should be placed in a location where they can be used for shade while being close enough to the water so Orioles would be encouraged to nest in them.

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There was also general discussion about work that is scheduled to length the concrete walls by the dam.

There was then discussion about the “brown ooze” at Luddam’s Ford. The members of the North River Commission informed Mr. Thorne of a brown substance described as “ooze” coming up from the ground. The commission members discussed other locations of the ooze, who should test the ooze and who should fund the testing. Mr. Thorne stated he would return to the North River Commission to get more information and come back to a conservation commission meeting to present any new information to the members.

A motion was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Ms. Simon to close the meeting at 8:47PM. All in favor.

Materials and Exhibits

Draft minutes of May 21, 2018 meeting

Certificate of Compliance for 15 Corporate Park Drive

Certificate of Compliance for 358 School Street

Orders of Conditions for Ironwood Road, lots 168-177 and Copperwood Road, lots 146-148 and lot 184

Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying documentation for 0 Woodbine Avenue

Notice of Intent and accompanying documentation for 45 Taylor Street, Libby’s Lane

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