

Pembroke Conservation Commission Minutes of the Meeting of January 13, 2020 Pembroke Town Hall, Room 13

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: Gino Fellini, Acting Chair; Ronald Boidi, Member; Arthur Egerton, Member;

Richard Madden, Member

Not Present: Mark Sotir, Chairman; Robert Clarke, Sr., Member; Sandy Gremlich, Member

Staff present: Melissa Joyce, Administrative Agent

At 7:00PM, Mr. Gino Fellini, acting 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

Minutes of the meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Boidi and seconded by Mr. Egerton to accept the minutes, as written, of the December 16, 2019 meeting. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Forms for Signature

Certificate of Compliance – 82 Highland Drive (SE56-390 & SE56-465) - A motion was made by Mr. Boidi and seconded by Mr. Egerton to issue a Certificate of Compliance. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Agent's Report

Mr. Clark is not in attendance. He has been unwell, Mr. Egerton extended the best wishes of the Commission for his speedy recovery.

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Open Space Report

Mr. Boidi stated Open Space has filed a CPC application for the Lage Property at 190 Barker Street. It has apportioned \$50,000 for the project to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in May. This project will improve parking, create community gardens, and a possible location for a future apiary. Mr. Boidi is also applying for state Mass Trails Grants for matching funds.

Mr. Egerton asked to speak about the Bicentennial Trail. It needs to be mowed and maintained. The DPW has done this in the past. The Commission asked Ms. Joyce to get in touch with the DPW regarding this issue.

Mr. Fellini asked that the maintenance of the Bicentennial Trail be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Hearings:

Notice of Intent - Herring Run Culvert (No DEP File #)

In attendance - Sarah Price, Alyssa Longo, Representatives

As there is no DEP file number assigned yet, this is an informational session only. The project is to replace the twin culverts at Herring Run Park. Existing culverts are structurally deficient. The proposed plan is to replace with 36" HTP (plastic) pipes. Mr. Fellini suggested the pipes to be larger than the existing ones. Access road and vegetation will be replaced. Mr. Madden asked if the stones currently in place will be replaced or left on site for repurposing in the park. Ms. Price said she will speak to the DPW regarding this issue. Mr. Egerton asked if the project is being coordinated with the current projects occurring at the park. Mr. Fellini asked when the project is planned to start, as it should not coincide with the migration of the herring. Plan is for between Jult1- September 30, with the project lasting about 3 weeks. Mr. Boidi asked if they have looked into installing a water control device. Ms. Price said she would reach out to DPW as it has not been discussed. Mr. Fellini asked for any information regarding water gates or controls be brought to the next hearing in two weeks or sent to the conservation office. A motion was made by Mr. Boidi to continue the hearing to the next meeting and seconded by Mr. Madden. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Request for Use: Thomas Reading Park at the Herring Run, Grand Ole Fish Fry – May 3, 2020 8am-5pm A motion was made by Mr. Boidi to approve the request seconded by Mr. Madden. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Ongoing Business:

Wild Parsnips: Should the same contractor be used or look for a new one? Depending on the treatment that needs to be done, the timing changes. Mr. Fellini suggested monitoring the plants in May in order to have them removed at the most opportune time. Last year the contractor recommended doing it 1-2 weeks earlier than was done last year. He asked Ms. Joyce to go back through the minutes from last year to see when it was done. Mr. Boidi will follow up with the original contractor and also get a second quote.

A motion was made by Mr. Egerton and seconded by Mr. Madden to close the meeting at 7:34pm, All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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Materials and Exhibits

Draft minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting Certificate of Compliance- 82 Highland Drive- SE56-390 & SE56-465 Notice of Intent – Herring Run Culvert (No DEP file #)

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