

**Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
January 25, 2016**



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 Conservation Office.

Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 22.

Agenda – May include topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair at time of posting of the meeting.

Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 20.

Attending: Art Egerton, acting chairperson (audio recording); Richard B. Madden; Bob Clarke; and Andrew Stevenson
Absent: Patti DeVore; and Scott Glauben
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall, Room 4 (Planning Board Office)
Opened: 7:30 p.m.

Acting chairperson Art Egerton opens meeting and states that “Please note that this meeting is being made available to the public and is being recorded for broadcast at future dates. Comments made in open session will be recorded”.

Discussion: Wild Parsnip at Herring Run Park

No one in attendance.

Member Rick Madden provides an overview of his research into the methods available to eradicate Wild Parsnip. 1.) Steam wands are effective to knock it out; and 2.) Removal and relocation of the plants and soil (with seeds) located outside the resource area to a non-sensitive area to be treated chemically is also effective. He states that the commission must monitor the area vigilantly for 2 to 3 years for whatever method is used. He would like the commission to consult an agricultural board for further advice and direction. The commission also discussed: possible spread of the infestation due to upcoming work in the area from the Route 14 reconstruction project; possible legislative support for removal costs; and education of the public regarding exposure hazards.

Continued Request for Determination (RDA) 91 Phillips Road - Hoar

Hearing opened at 7:40 p.m.

The applicant has requested a continuance to April 11, 2016 at 7:40 p.m.

Motion to continue the hearing to the above-named date: Bob Clarke

Second: Andy Stevenson

All in favor

Discussion: Tree Removal at Town Barn

Agent Bob Clarke informs the commission that Assistant DPW Director and member Scott Glauben that the quote for the removal of approximately 150 trees by crane was approximately \$9,000.00. Mr. Clarke has since discussed the removal with a forester who stated that the understory brush would recover quickly and does not need to be protected during the removal process. He thinks that the commission and DPW should investigate the tree removal further.



RDA – 171 Wampatuck Road - Anderson

Hearing opened at 7:50 p.m.

Present: Shane McGlone, McGlone Enterprises, Inc. representing applicant (not present)

The subject proposal involves the removal of an existing cesspool from a single family house within the bufferzone of Oldham Pond. The upgrade consists of a 1,500 gallon septic tank with a 5.66 foot by 31 foot infiltrator trench leaching field which will be installed at a distance of 80 feet from the edge of Furnace Pond. No soils will be stockpiled on site and erosion controls consisting of double staked haybales or a silt sock having a diameter of eight (8) inches or greater with wood chips on the upland side will be used for erosion controls.

Motion to close the hearing: Bob Clarke

Second: Rick Madden

All in favor

Motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination with the following conditions: Bob Clarke

- Subject to Board of Health approval;
- Erosion controls consisting of double staked haybales or silt sock having a diameter greater than 8 inches must be installed and installation approved by the conservation agent prior to the commencement of work; The use of silt fence is not allowed; and
- No stockpiling of soils is allowed on site.

Second: Andy Stevenson

All in favor

Discussion: MACC Conference on March 2, 2016 at Holy Cross, Worcester

The commission discussed attendance, the fees of which will be covered by the commission. Course selections are to be submitted to the commission office for registration.

Discussion: Request to use Herring Run Park, May 1, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by Pembroke Historical Society for Grand Ol' Fish Fry

Motion to allow the use of Herring Run Park on May 1st: Bob Clarke

Second: Rick Madden

All in favor

Discussion: Annual Report

The commission reviewed the annual report. A copy of the revised report will be sent to members prior to submittal.

Motion to accept revised annual report: Andy Stevenson

Second: Rick Madden

All in favor

Discussion: Mattakeesett Ball Fields and Shepherd's Forest

Agent Bob Clarke informs the commission that a gate was installed at the ballfield. The road is still open at Camp Heritage/Camp Ring and vehicles are coming in at the top of the hill. The DPW was going to block the roadway with granite blocks, but needs to check with the fire and police departments for emergency access.

Reminders:

- Environmental Partners Group is appearing at the next conservation meeting to discuss the High School Drainage basin. The conservation commission will need to monitor the outfall pipe for erosion.
- An on-site meeting with MassDEP is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 10:45 a.m. for the 234 and 242 Valley Street (DEP file numbers: SE56-948 and SE56-949) appeal.

Documents Signed

- Lowes re: repairs at Herring Run Park
- MACC Annual Conference Fees
- Agent Payroll



Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Clarke to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Second by Rick Madden. All in favor.