

**Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
February 1, 2016**



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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 Scott Glauben
Absent: Patti DeVore; Sharon Tuells; and Andrew Stevenson
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall, Veteran's Hall
Opened: 7:40 p.m.

Acting chairperson Art Egerton opens meeting at 7:40 p.m. and states that he is recording for personal use

Appointment – Ryan Trahan, Environmental Partners Group (EPG) – High School Drainage

Present: Ryan Trahan, Environmental Partners Group

Mr. Trahan, on behalf of the DPW, presents an overview of actions that have been taken to mitigate and correct the migration of erosion from the high school drainage basin to the Herring Brook located at a distance greater than 100 feet from the site of the proposed work. The drainage basin improvement project became a conservation issue because the runoff from the old basin impacted wetland resource areas (i.e. Herring Brook). The commission reviewed and issued a Determination of Applicability for the proposed work on January 11, 2016 so as to allow the DPW to start the bidding process for the work (Mr. Trahan was not available on that date).

Mr. Trahan recounts that the violations were observed over a year ago and followed back to the high school drainage basin. EPG has been working with the DPW to develop a proposal and analysis of the drainage system at the high school. A comprehensive survey of the site was performed by Doug Bailey and EPG provided modeling of the system to include the impervious high school turf field. Acting Chairperson Art Egerton asks if the original drainage basin included runoff from the elementary school (no); whether the new drainage basin will include runoff from the elementary school (no – the school is located on the opposite side of the street and the topography flows in a different direction).

Mr. Trahan submits plans of the existing and proposed detention basin profiles and reviews each of the submitted plans to demonstrate that the erosion that currently impacts Herring Brook will be corrected. The commission questions Mr. Trahan on the timeline for completion, access to the site, maintenance of the system, and the disposal of the removed material. Agent Bob Clarke provides his personal endorsement and recommendation of EPG's work to the commission. Mr. Clarke also reviews the Negative 4 Determination with Mr. Trahan which states: "The work described in the Request is not within an Area subject to protection under the Act (including the

Buffer Zone). Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent unless and until said work alters an Area subject to protection under the Act”.

The commission requests that the High School Drainage Basin be removed from the ‘Ongoing Business’ portion of the agenda as the issues have been resolved.

Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC) – 49 Cross Street (DEP file no.: SE56-22)

A request for COC was submitted by property owner Carl Catani for the Order of Conditions (OOC) that was issued on September 19, 1977. Agent Bob Clarke has inspected the site and recommends the issuance of a full COC.

Motion to issue a COC: Bob Clarke

Second: Scott Glauben

All in favor

Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC) – 49 Cross Street (DEP file no.: SE56-33)

A request for COC was submitted by property owner Carl Catani for the Order of Conditions (OOC) that was issued on December 6, 1978. Agent Bob Clarke has inspected the site and recommends the issuance of a full COC.

Motion to issue a COC: Bob Clarke

Second: Scott Glauben

All in favor

Discussion: Annual Report for the Open Space Committee

The commission reviewed the annual report for the Open Space Committee.

Motion to accept report: Bob Clarke

Second: Scott Glauben

All in favor

Discussion: Herring Run Park

Agent Bob Clarke informs the commission that the Gas Company building located on-site does not have any water connection. And as the Kiwanis Club is rehabilitating the site structure, they may decide in the near future to add a water connection to the Gas Company building for use in the proposed laboratory. Mr. Clarke asks if the conservation commission wants to pursue a water connection to the site prior to the commencement of the Route 14 reconstruction project. Once the project is complete, there is a moratorium on road openings for several years.

Discussion: 171 Wampatuck Street

During a hearing on January 25, 2016, the conservation commission reviewed a Request for Determination for a septic repair/upgrade for this property. Member Rick Madden inspected the site this week in order to familiarize himself with the proposed work. During his assessment, he observed a catch basin in front of the site located in close proximity to the proposed work and which was not shown on the submitted plans. Member and Assistant DPW Scott Glauben is given a copy of the submitted plan for investigation. The Determination of Applicability is signed by the commission, but to be held until the situation is investigated and resolved by the DPW and the Board of Health.



Member Scott Glauben excuses himself and leaves meeting.

Discussion: Mattakeesett Ball Fields

Agent Bob Clarke reports that he did not get an update from member and Assistant DPW Director Scott Glauben.

Discussion: Wild Parsnip at Herring Run Park

Agent Bob Clarke recommends that the commission designate member Rick Madden as their representative for invasive species.

Discussion: Signs

Bob Clarke discusses the need to replace signs at various conservation properties, specifically Veteran's Commemorative Forest. The existing sign needs to be either replaced or rejuvenated. He would like the commission to formulate some ideas or plans.

Documents Signed

- Determination of Applicability for 171 Wampatuck Street
- Certificate of Compliance for 49 Cross Street (DEP file no.: SE56-22)
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- MACC conference fees

Adjournment

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

