

**Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
June 27, 2016**

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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); Greg Walsh; Bob Clarke; Sharon Tuells; Andrew Stevenson; Richard B. Madden; and Scott Glauben
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall, Veteran's Hall
Opened: 7:30 p.m.

Acting Chairperson Art Egerton states that the hearing is being recorded.

Unscheduled discussion: Town's website

Acting chairperson Art Egerton states he tried posting information to the commission's website through Selectboard Assistant Sabrina Chilcott and Library Director Deb Wall without success. He will need to send the information to the conservation commission office for posting. He would also like to create a facebook presence for the commission. Member Scott Glauben advised Mr. Egerton that the Town of Pembroke may have a policy prohibiting this.

Discussion: Wild Parsnip

Member Rick Madden states he has four (4) 55-gallon drums of wild parsnip for disposal. Member and Assistant DPW Director Scott Glauben asks that the drums can be taken to the Monroe Street lot to 'rot down' before the wild parsnip is burned.

Mr. Madden also informs the commission that he has observed a very large Poison Sumac on the path to the herring run canoe ramp in the vicinity of Misty Meadows Farm. Member and Assistant DPW Director Scott Glauben requests a map location so that Ted Knight can treat it.

RDA – 53 Adams Avenue – Herman

Meeting opened at 7:40 p.m.

Present: Robert Herman, homeowner and applicant

The subject proposal involves the installation of a 15' by 30' above-ground pool to be located off the back deck of his property which abuts Oldham Pond. The distance from the deck to the pond is approximately 30 feet. Agent Bob Clarke questions Mr. Herman on back flushing (Mr. Herman requests advice on this matter); the presence of any retaining wall (none); and grading.

Mr. Clarke requests that prior to the issuance of a building permit, backwashing and pool cleaning procedures be submitted to the commission for review.

Motion to close: Bob Clarke

Second: Scott Glauben

All in favor

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

- No stockpiling of soils is allowed. All excavated materials must be removed offsite.
- Water from pool is not allowed to drain into Oldham Pond.
- Submittal of backwashing and pool cleaning procedures to be submitted prior to the issuance of a building permit. [Filter cartridge is to be cleaned in front yard of property.]

Second: Scott Glauben

All in favor.

In order to facilitate the issuance of the permits, the administrative agent will prepare the document and the agent will collect signatures.

REVIEW OF MAIL FOLDER

Discussion: Water Wheel SOOC appeal notice of on-site meeting (DEP file no.: SE56-928)

Acting Chairperson Art Egerton reminds the commission that an on-site meeting with MassDEP is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Herring Run Park.

Discussion: 108 Church Street correspondence from RK Centers

The commission has received a letter requesting that the commission provide a recommendation regarding RK Centers intent to improve/install a stormwater management system for runoff from Route 3 South in the vicinity of their property located at 108 Church Street. Agent Bob Clarke reminds the commission that on December 1, 2015, a Negative 1 (The area and/or work described in the Request is not an area subject to protection under the Act or the Buffer Zone) and a Negative 6 (The area and/or work described in the Request is not subject to review and approval pursuant to Town of Pembroke local bylaws) DOA was issued for this property. Mr. Clarke states that at that time, the commission performed a review of abutting properties to determine whether any proposed work at 108 Old Church Street was within the bufferzone of any resource areas.

Motion to have the administrative agent prepare a letter of recommendation allowing the proposed work: Rick Madden

Second: Sharon Tuells

All in favor

Discussion: Letter of resignation from Greg Howell, chairperson Open Space Committee (OSC)

Agent Bob Clarke reminds the commission that Mr. Howell was instrumental in reviving the Open Space Committee several years ago and now has new work demands that do not allow him to devote the necessary time to the OSC. Mr. Howell was a terrific asset to the OSC and to the town and will be sorely missed. He further states that the OSC needs new people to assist them in updating the Open Space Plan which will allow the town to qualify for funding and grant programs. A letter of appreciation/thanks has been prepared for signature by the commission to Mr. Howell.

Notice of Intent (NOI) 36 Farmside Drive – Smith (DEP file no.: SE56-966)

Hearing opened at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Brad Holmes, Environmental Consulting and Restoration
Jeffrey Smith, homeowner and applicant
Sarah Smith, homeowner and applicant

Mr. Holmes submits proof of notification to abutters and presents the application on behalf of the owners. The subject proposal involves the installation of an inground pool, patio, decking, fencing and landscaping on an existing lawn within the bufferzone of a bordering vegetated wetland/drainage easement. The proposal will maintain the existing tree line and the plans include adding a vegetated buffer within the fenced area. Agent Bob Clarke has inspected the site and advises the homeowners that no further encroachment into the bufferzone will be allowed by the commission.

Motion to close: Bob Clarke
Second: Scott Glauben
All in favor

Motion to issue an Order of Conditions with the following additional special conditions:
Bob Clark

1. No backwash of pool filter is allowed. Cleaning of cartridge filter must be done outside of the bufferzone.
2. Drawdown of the pool water must be released outside of the bufferzone, unless otherwise approved by the commission.
3. No fill shall be stored within 100 feet of the wetland resource areas. All excavated materials must be loaded onto trucks and removed from the site unless otherwise approved by the commission.
4. Fertilizers utilized for landscaping and lawn care in the buffer zone shall be slow release low-nitrogen types and shall not be used within 25 feet of a wetland resource area. Pesticides and herbicides shall not be used on any lawn area within the buffer zone.
5. Erosion Controls must consist of either Silt Sock having a diameter of 12 inches or greater or Haybales. Hay bales must be installed and sealed with 3 inches of wood chips on the upland side. The use of a silt fence is not allowed.

Second: Scott Glauben
All in favor

Cont - Notice of Intent (NOI) Route 53 – Thorne (DEP file no.: SE56-965)

Hearing opened at 8:00p.m.

Present: John Morgan, CHA, representing applicant (not present)

Mr. Morgan states that the hearing was continued to allow NHESP complete their review and he provides the commission with a copy of the determination letter from NHESP.

Member Scott Glauben asks whether CHA was able to research and find the parcel of land owned by MassDOT for possible use as additional stormwater drainage. Mr. Morgan reports that the MassDOT drainage area is located on the south side of the culvert for Little Pudding Brook outside the limit of work.

Motion to close: Bob Clarke

Second: Scott Glauben

Motion to issue an Order of Conditions to be built according to plan with additional conditions to be prepared by the administrative agent: Bob Clarke

Second: Scott Glauben

All in favor

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No updates to report.

234 and 242 Valley Street (DEP file nos: SE56-948 and SE56-949)

No updates to report.

Route 14 Reconstruction project (DEP file no.: SE56-955)

No updates to report.

Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2016 and June 20, 2016

Passover until next meeting.

Documents signed:

- MACC Annual Dues FY17
- Copperwood Circle Builders – return of retainer balance
- Agent Longevity
- Thank you letter to G.Howell (A.Egerton only)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Greg Walsh to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Second by Sharon Tuells. All in favor