

**Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
February 29, 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; Andy Stevenson; Sharon Tuells; and Scott Glauben (arrives at 7:50 p.m.)
Absent: Patti DeVore
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall, Planning Board Office
Opened: 7:30 p.m.

Appointment – Recreation Department and Pembroke Youth Baseball- Rededication of McPhillips Field

Present: Sue Roche, Director, Recreation Department
Joe Sullivan, Pembroke Youth Baseball

Ms. Roche has requested the appointment to request permission to perform work at the Mattakeesett Ball Fields, property under the care and protection of the conservation commission. It is the 10 year anniversary of the dedication of McPhillips Field and the Recreation Department/Pembroke Youth Baseball are proposing to rededicate the field in honor of Brian McPhillips. Mr. Sullivan has reached out to Mr. McPhillips to discuss his plans which include: plantings outside the fenced area in centerfield; and to have the boy scouts clean and maintain the path and area between the fields and the snack area as community service.

Agent Bob Clarke voices his opinion; he thinks it is a wonderful idea and makes a motion to allow the proposed work

Second: Rick Madden

All in favor

Ms. Roche discusses improvement/work for the area to include: signs; gate signs; possible surveillance cameras; motion light over gate; and two locked gates (located in the rear and at the swale).

Motion to allow: Bob Clarke

Second: Rick Madden

All in favor

Acting Chairperson Art Egerton wants to discuss trees and the 2010 agreement with the Recreation Department to replant. He would like to get that started shortly. Ms. Roche informs Mr. Egerton that her boards' agenda for this month is already closed, but offers to present a proposal to her board at the next meeting.

Agent Bob Clarke reviews the history of the ballfields as well as the more recent forest trimming project.

Member Scott Glauben arrives.

Member Rick Madden states that the plantings have to begin ASAP as the growing season is now. Mr. Madden wants the trees for this year and he also will need more trees next year. Mr. Madden feels that Pembroke Youth Baseball participants should provide assistance as they are using the fields. He would like Atlantic White Cedars for planting in an abandoned cranberry bog and currently the prices are good.

Member Scott Glauben suggests using fewer but larger trees; he would like a few shade trees lining the edges of the ball fields at Mattakeesett Street. Mr. Joe Sullivan agrees. Mr. Glauben stresses that Mr. Egerton and Mr. Madden need a formal plan to include: who will plant the trees; and who will maintain and water the trees. He does not feel it is necessary to plant trees in a cranberry bog, but rather they should be planted where the public can use them.

Agent Bob Clarke suggests a pilot program and that Mr. Egerton and Mr. Madden start the tree replacement project with a smaller number of trees so that they can get set up and started.

Cont. Notice of Intent (NOI) – 42 Rebecca Road (DEP file no.: SE56-962)

Hearing opened at 7:55 p.m.

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

Acting Chairperson Art Egerton has inspected the site and is concerned that the proposed garage is located at the edge of the bordering vegetated wetland. He would like the applicant to make a smaller garage. Agent Bob Clarke says that the applicant will be providing revised plans and that the size of the building is not our concern, but rather the conservation commission needs to address the proximity to the resource area.

Motion to continue the hearing to March 7, 2016 at 7:40 p.m.: Bob Clarke

Second: Scott Glauben

All in favor

Cont. Notice of Intent (NOI) – 590 Monponsett Street (DEP file no.: SE56-960)

Hearing opened at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Brad McKenzie, McKenzie Engineering, representing applicant
Don McGill, applicant

Mr. McKenzie presents an update of the application, reviews modification to the plans, and reminds the commission that the hearing was continued for a decision from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). That decision has been rendered, the peer review is complete and the Planning Board has issued its decision (a copy of which is in the mail folder).

Motion to close: Bob Clarke

Second: Scott Glauben

All in favor

Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Gill are informed that the commission will review the material and prepare an Order of Conditions for discussion at the next meeting.

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Discussion: Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Appointments from Open Space Committee (OSC) and Conservation Commission

According to the Town of Pembroke bylaws, the OSC and the Conservation Commission are to provide a representative to the CPC. Agent Bob Clarke asks if anyone wants to represent the commission. Member Scott Glauben states that as the DPW asks for funding from this source, it would be a conflict of interest for him to serve in this capacity. As no other members volunteer, Mr. Clarke says he will do it until someone else wants it.

Motion to appoint Bob Clarke as the commissions' representative to the CPC: Scott Glauben

Second: Rick Madden

Vote: 5 – 0 – 1 For-Against-Abstain (Bob Clarke abstains)

Mr. Clarke requests that the OSC be notified so that a representative can be appointed.

Discussion: Wild Parsnip at Herring Run Park

Member and Assistant DPW Director Scott Glauben states that the area has been marked by Dig-Safe and the DPW will be down next week to remove the plants and isolate them at the DPW pit.

A preconstruction meeting with the Route 14 project is scheduled for next week. They need to be aware of the situation before they start.

Discussion: Mail Folder

Brick Kiln Lane: Acting Chairperson Art Egerton reads a memo from police chief Rick Wall regarding conditions at this location. Agent Bob Clarke states that he has had a discussion with Chief Wall and would like to walk the area with him and discuss parking. The parking in this area is difficult to manage. The commission discusses the rope swing on site. Member and Assistant DPW Director Scott Glauben says it is expensive to remove and difficult for his department to access. The commission also discusses trash. There is a canoe ramp, but signs for it keep disappearing. Mr. Clarke recommends that all members visit this site.

Bicentennial Trail (Littles Avenue): Member Rick Madden would like the trails at this location mowed; he is concerned with ticks. Agent Bob Clarke says that first the commission needs to get heavy equipment in there to remove the blowdowns.

Veteran's Park: The sign at this property needs to be refurbished. Mr. Clarke that Landscape by Runey's provides the commission (and the community) with landscaping and flags on the posts for holidays.

Trees on Mattakeesett Street near DPW: Member and Assistant DPW Director Scott Glauben has received a quote of approximately \$9,000.00 to remove the dead trees and leave the undergrowth. He would like to submit an article for payment at town meeting.

Motion to submit article for tree removal: Scott Glauben

Second: Rick Madden

All in favor

Boat ramp needs repairs.



Ethics commission: Member and Assistant DPW Director Scott Glauben recently received an inquiry form the State Ethic Commission regardin his dual role as conservation commissioner and employment as Assistant DPW Director. The conservation commission was informed that the Selectboard Office investigated and that he could vote on the Route 14 project.

Documents Signed

- Determination of Applicability (DOA) 156 Furnace Lane
- Peer review contract for Copperwood Estates (Art Egerton only)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Clarke to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Second by Scott Glauben. All in favor.

