



**Pembroke Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting of  
April 24, 2017  
Pembroke Town Hall, Veterans' Hall**

*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.*

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

*Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 20.*

**Members present:** Richard Madden, Vice Chairman; Robert Clarke, Agent; Arthur Egerton, Member  
**Staff present:** Rachel Keller, Administrative Agent  
**Members absent:** Andrew Stevenson, Chairman; Scott Glauben, Member

At 7:36PM, Mr. Richard Madden, Vice Chairman, opened the meeting and 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 would be recorded.

**DISCUSSIONS**

The agent explained that the town is in need of some additional funding for hydrilla and blue-green algae treatment for Hobomock and Furnace ponds. He noted that the commission was the entity that originally funded treatments for the ponds. He asked the members to approve a release of funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 to help defray the costs. Mr. Egerton asked if the outflows of Furnace Pond – Gorham Mill Pond – could be considered part of the treatment. The agent said the request could be passed along to the town.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Egerton to furnish the town with \$15,000.00 from the commission's Open Space fund for hydrilla and blue-green algae treatment. All in favor. Motion passed.

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

**Orders of Conditions for Copperwood Estates lots 179-183 (DEP File #'s SE56-984, SE56-985, SE56-986, SE56-987 and SE56-988)**

The members read the drafts and agreed to approve them as written.

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A motion was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Egerton to accept and issue, as written, the Order of Conditions for SE56-984. All in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Egerton to accept and issue, as written, the Order of Conditions for SE56-985. All in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Egerton to accept and issue, as written, the Order of Conditions for SE56-986. All in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Egerton to accept and issue, as written, the Order of Conditions for SE56-987. All in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Egerton to accept and issue, as written, the Order of Conditions for SE56-988. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Order of Conditions for 35 Ridge Avenue (DEP File # SE56-990)**

The members read the draft and agree to approve it as written.

A motion was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Egerton to accept and issue, as written the Order of Conditions for SE56-990. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Chimney at Herring Run Park**

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the different types of chimneys, and the digging of associated holes, to be considered for installation on the building at Herring Run Park. There was also discussion about whether the park is registered as a historic site.

A motion was made by Mr. Egerton and seconded by Mr. Clarke to approve the solicitation for quotes for the installation of a metal chimney on the building at Herring Run Park and the subsequent installation of said chimney. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Wild Parsnip**

Mr. Madden referred to the letter he provided to the members from John Edgar who has offered to treat the wild parsnip for no charge if allowed to use chemical processes. He suggested a "thank you" letter be drafted to acknowledge the generosity of Mr. Edgar to offer his services free of charge. Other methods of eradication, including heat and steam, were discussed. Mr. Clarke mentioned that it would be prudent for Mr. Madden to speak to the town administrator and perhaps town counsel regarding the authorization for the chemical treatment offered by Mr. Edgar. Mr. Madden spoke about the necessity of making the townspeople aware of the dangerousness of these plants by forming a committee to educate the public. Mr. Egerton volunteered to research the state and federal laws with regard to the processes used for the eradication of wild parsnip and said he would return to the next meeting with his findings.

**Mattakeesett Street Baseball Fields**

Mr. Madden has been unable to obtain North Atlantic Cedar trees, but will continue to try for next year.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

### **Mail**

Mr. Egerton read the letter from the North River Commission to the commission. There was discussion about the clearing that had taken place. The agent explained that the DPW has authorization to perform general maintenance at the park. There was concern expressed about the cutting of trees and the potential for loam in the cleared area to travel via rainwater into the river. It was explained that a tree can be cut, without authorization, if it has a 4-inch (or less) diameter at chest height. There was discussion about the permanent barriers and silt sock for protection for the river.

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Egerton and seconded by Mr. Clarke to accept and approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting as written. All in favor. Motion passed.

At 9:33PM, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Egerton. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **Materials and Exhibits**

WPA Form 5 – Order of Conditions for Orders of Conditions for Copperwood Estates lots 179-183 (DEP File #'s SE56-984, SE56-985, SE56-986, SE56-987 and SE56-988)

WPA Form 5 – Order of Conditions for 35 Ridge Avenue (DEP File # SE56-990)

Letter from John Edgar to Richard Madden regarding the chemical eradication of wild parsnip

Letter from the North River Commission to the commission regarding clearing by the DPW at Luddam's Ford Park

Draft minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting

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