

**Pembroke Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting of  
March 16, 2015**

*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:** Mark Ames, chairperson; Carey Day, vice-chairperson; Robert Clark; Michael Kirby; Al Gigliotti (arrived at 7:25 p.m.); and Dan Smith(arrived at 7:25 p.m.)  
**Absent:** Scott Glauben  
**Staff:** Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent  
**Location:** Town Hall Selectboard Office, Second Floor, Room 10  
**Opened:** 7:00 p.m.

**“Ask the Commission” session**

No one present.

The commission reviews the mail folder until 7:30 p.m.

**Appointment: Robert Rearick – K & T Concessions at the Herring Run Park**

**Present:** Owner Robert Rearick  
Arthur Lage, property owner at 190 Barker Street  
Susan Lage

Mr. Rearick is requesting permission to resume operation of the K & T Concession stand at the Herring Run Park for the upcoming year. He is searching for a permanent location to park and operate the concession stand during the week, but would like to use the Herring Run Park for weekends. Chairperson Mark Ames congratulates Mr. Rearick on his success and thanks him for keeping the Herring Run Park immaculate. The commission advises Mr. Rearick that there may be possible complaints in existence with respect to the lack of overhead associated with the free parking on public land. The commission asks Mr. Rearick whether he would consider sponsoring a local charity, such as the Kiwanis Club (who also share space at the Herring Run Park). Mr. Rearick readily agrees and, after further discussion, the commission requests a week to consider the proposal.

Dr. Lage, who is in attendance, requests permission to offer his opinion. He states, that had he still lived at 190 Barker Street, he would object to the use of the Herring Run for a concession stand. The Herring Run Park is a preserve and that a concession stand not only degrades the park, but does not bring value to the town.

### **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) – 190 Barker Street – Ames**

Applicant: Mark Ames, Chairperson, Conservation Commission  
Present: Arthur Lage, property owner  
Susan Lage

Chairperson Mark Ames has filed the subject RDA to allow the conservation commission to perform trail clearing and maintenance on the Lage Preserve to commence when the ownership of the the property is transferred to the Town of Pembroke. Dr. Lage questions the need for a permit. Agent Bob Clarke explains that as the new owners, the conservation commission needs the proper permits to perform maintenance work. Dr. Lage advises the commission that the site has a well maintained trail system that he has maintained for 30 years.

Motion to close: Bob Clark  
Second: Michael Kirby  
All in favor

Motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination with no conditions: Al Gigliotti  
Second: Michael Kirby  
All in favor

The commission requests that Dr. Lage share with them with his thoughts for the future of the Lage Preserve. His vision for the future of the Lage Preserve is that it remains, in perpetuity, as permanent conservation land. He would like to see the management of the property, along with the Herring Run Park and other contiguous properties to involve a biologist. He recommends that the meadow by the former paddocks be occasionally mowed as it provides habitat for different bird species. He is aware that the house may be razed. He also foresaw parking in that area and a possible visitor center. His primary objective is the permanent protection of the property as a wildlife preserve. Dr. Lage also requests that he be considered as a trustee. Member Carey Day would like Dr. Lage to provide a tour of the property after the property transfers ownership to the town. The commission also thanked Dr. Lage.

### **Discussion: Route 14 Reconstruction Project**

The commission has requested bids from three consultants, of which, two have declined. Barbara Thissell, P.E. has submitted a bid, which will be paid from the wetland fee account. Agent Bob Clarke explains that once a Notice of Intent is filed, the commission can request that the applicant may be financially responsible for reimbursement. The commission requested that Ms. Thissell's contract for the Route 14 Stormwater Review be put on the agenda for next meeting so that the commission can review the document prior to signing. The administrative agent is requested to contact Ms. Thissell and inform her that she has been awarded the contract and it will be signed at the next meeting. In addition, the status of the plan submittal is to be investigated.

### **Discussion: High School Drainage Basin**

The commission would like an update on the status of the project.

### **Discussion: Pembroke Chat**

Member Michael Kirby informs the commission that he posted a reminder of the "Ask the Commission" session last night.

**Discussion: Next Week's Agenda**

To date, nothing is scheduled. The meeting is cancelled.

**Discussion: MassDEP Site Inspection at 67 Lady Slipper Circle**

The commission requests that a police detail be made available for the on-site meeting scheduled for March 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

**Minutes: January 25, 2015**

Motion to accept minutes: Al Gigliotti

Second: Michael Kirby

All in favor

**Minutes: March 9, 2015**

Motion to accept minutes: Al Gigliotti

Second: Michael Kirby

All in favor

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Al Gigliotti to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Second by Michael Kirby. All in favor.