

Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
January 12, 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 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Open Meeting Law, G.L.c. 30A § 20.

Attending: Mark Ames, chairperson; Carey Day, vice-chairperson; Robert Clark; Dan Smith; and Michael Kirby
Absent: Scott Glauben; and Al Gigliotti
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall Selectboard Office, Second Floor, Room 10
Opened: 7:30 p.m.

Appointment: Brendan Mosher – North Pembroke Elementary School Nature Trails

Mr. Mosher, Pembroke native, gym teacher and North Pembroke Elementary School Environmental Club (Environmental Club) Advisor, has requested this appointment to discuss improvements needed for the North Pembroke Elementary School Nature Trail (Nature Trail). The Environmental Club meets before school to walk the trails, pick up litter and explore nature. Mr. Mosher also teaches the students about orienting compasses and topographical maps. Mr. Mosher provides copies of a Nature Trail Guide created in 1997 as an Eagle Scout project which identifies and discusses various plants located on site and a copy of the USGS Map of the site vicinity .

Mr. Mosher explains that there is a tremendous amount of ATV use on the trail – and damage. He focuses on fallen trees in an intermittent stream and along the path. ATV users, using chainsaws, have created ‘beaver dams’ that have caused the intermittent steam to flood the area. Mr. Mosher is requesting permission to repair the trails and construct a small culvert over the intermittent stream.

Agent Bob Clarke states that the conservation commission would be remiss if they did not grab onto this opportunity to have someone work on the property. He offers the support of the conservation staff to do any necessary background work. He will arrange a site walk with member and Assistant DPW Superintendent Scott Glauben to view the fallen trees. In addition, the conservation commission can provide signs for posting along the trails.

As the property is owned by the Town of Pembroke, Mr. Mosher needs to ask the Selectboard for permission to make improvements on the Nature Trail. He also needs to file an application with the conservation commission to receive permission to work in the resource area.

Agent Bob Clarke moves to waive all fees for the filing of the project.
Second: Michael Kirby
All in favor

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Motion to accept minutes: Al Gigliotti

Second: Michael Kirby

All in favor

Discussion: MACC Conference

The Annual MACC Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the College of the Holy Cross. Chairperson Mark Ames reminds members that attendance fees and mileage are to be paid by the commission.

Motion to pay the attendance fees and mileage to the MACC Conference: Bob Clarke

Second: Al Gigliotti

All in favor.

Documents signed:

Order of Conditions for 5 Furnace Lane (DEP file number: SE56-952)

Gatehouse Media Bill

W.B. Mason Bill

Memorandum to Selectboard re: request for legal counsel.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Michael Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Second by Dan Smith. All in favor.