



**Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
March 3, 2022
Veterans Memorial Hall, Pembroke Town 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.

Members present: Gino Fellini, Chair; Arthur Egerton, Vice Chair; Robert Clarke, Sr., Member; Sandy Gremlich, Member; Richard Madden, Member; Teresa Harling, Member; James Campbell, Member

Staff present: Melissa Joyce, Administrative Agent

At 7:02PM, Mr. Gino Fellini, chair, opened the meeting and asked the members to introduce themselves, then 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 made in open session would be recorded.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Minutes – January 13, 2022 – A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Mr. Madden and seconded by Ms. Harling. Motion passed unanimously.

Forms for Vote and Signature:

Request for Certificate of Compliance (SE056-1070) – 18 High Avenue - A motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance was made by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Egerton. Motion passed unanimously.

Agent’s Report: There is a plan for further improvements to the Lage property in the works. Many previously approved projects have recently started, including the new subdivision at Old Cart Path Lane. DEP has been cleaning up old appeals and things are shaping up around town as we come into the spring.

Discussions:

Spring tree planting – The office has requested quotes for several types of trees through the company previously used without luck. Mr. Clarke has suggested broadening the list of desired trees. An Arbor Day planting is unlikely to be planned without stock. Mr. Madden suggested looking into sassafras trees, native to the area and less popular than the Atlantic White Cedar. He explained the past planting plans for

new members, repopulating Bog 12 by the water department along with several other areas around town. Mr. Clarke explained the current tree policy of the commission; for each tree removed 3 should be planted in its place, or \$10 can be donated to the town forestry account for future plantings. Mr. Madden explained how important this is to discourage the growth of invasive species. Mr. Clarke thanked Mr. Madden and Mr. Egerton for their continued work on this and asked for pictures of the work to be submitted. Mr. Madden is hoping to be able to incorporate a tree nursery into the proposed community garden space.

Liaison positions – Mr. Clarke would like members of the Commission to take on liaison roles to better serve the town and create clear communication among boards.

Mr. Clarke requested that Mr. Campbell look into working with the Pembroke Watershed. Mr. Campbell is interested but would like to get a clearer picture of what that entails before accepting.

Mr. Clarke nominated Ms. Harling to serve as liaison to the Open Space Committee. Mr. Madden made a motion to accept the nomination, seconded by Ms. Gremlich. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fellini suggested Mr. Madden get involved with the Community Garden planning. Ms. Joyce suggested he reach out to Mr. Mike McDonough, Open Space chair. Mr. Clarke requested that Mr. Fellini assist him with water management, all agreed.

Mr. Stephan Roundtree, Planning Board member was in attendance. He is requesting a liaison to his board to facilitate better communication and assist the town in becoming less reactive and more proactive. Ms. Gremlich volunteered.

Policies & Procedures – Ms. Joyce has requested for the commissioners to submit draft policy and procedures to create a written document that the public could reference for issues such as the tree policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Egerton and seconded by Mr. Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Materials and Exhibits

Draft minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting

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