

Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
November 9, 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: Art Egerton, acting chairperson; Richard B. Madden; Bob Clarke; Andrew Stevenson; and Patti DeVore
Absent: Scott Glauben
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall, Veteran’s Hall B
Opened: 7:30 p.m.

Acting chairperson Art Egerton opens meeting and welcomes new/former member Dr. Patti DeVore to the commission.

Discussion: Request to Use Oldham Pond from MassBass Busters on June 26, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a catch and release fishing tournament

The commission reviews the submitted application.

Agent Bob Clarke makes a motion that the board voted to allow the use of Oldham Pond on June 26, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by Mass. Bass Masters for a catch and release fishing tournament with the following standard conditions:

- 1.) The docks installed at Town Landing are not to be altered or moved;
- 2.) All equipment entering Oldham Pond MUST be washed down and cleaned off site prior to entry into Oldham Pond. This includes boats, towropes and any additional equipment that will enter the water stream. The applicant is to provide a qualified inspector to inspect all equipment to ensure that this event does not contribute to the spread of invasive species into our resource areas. The applicant is to be reminded that the Town of Pembroke does not have any washing facilities available for use;
- 3.) The use of ‘barbless hooks’ is recommended to minimize damage to the fish; and
- 4.) Approval from the Town Harbormaster is required.

Second: Andy Stevenson

All in favor

Discussion: Request to Use Oldham Pond from Rayn-Water Bass Club on October 2, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a fishing tournament

The commission reviews the submitted application.

Agent Bob Clarke makes a motion that the board voted to allow the use of Oldham Pond on October 2, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by Rayn-Water Bass Club for a fishing tournament with the following standard conditions:

- 1.) The docks installed at Town Landing are not to be altered or moved;
- 2.) All equipment entering Oldham Pond MUST be washed down and cleaned off site prior to entry into Oldham Pond. This includes boats, towropes and any additional

- equipment that will enter the water stream. The applicant is to provide a qualified inspector to inspect all equipment to ensure that this event does not contribute to the spread of invasive species into our resource areas. The applicant is to be reminded that the Town of Pembroke does not have any washing facilities available for use;
- 3.) The use of 'barbless hooks' is recommended to minimize damage to the fish; and
 - 4.) Approval from the Town Harbormaster is required.

Second: Andy Stevenson
All in favor

Discussion: Request to Use Oldham Pond from R.I. State Bassmasters on September 11, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a fishing tournament

The commission reviews the submitted application.

Agent Bob Clarke makes a motion that the board voted to allow the use of Oldham Pond on September 11, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. R.I. State Bassmasters for a catch and release bass tournament with the following standard conditions:

- 1.) The docks installed at Town Landing are not to be altered or moved;
- 2.) All equipment entering Oldham Pond MUST be washed down and cleaned off site prior to entry into Oldham Pond. This includes boats, towropes and any additional equipment that will enter the water stream. The applicant is to provide a qualified inspector to inspect all equipment to ensure that this event does not contribute to the spread of invasive species into our resource areas. The applicant is to be reminded that the Town of Pembroke does not have any washing facilities available for use;
- 3.) The use of 'barbless hooks' is recommended to minimize damage to the fish; and
- 4.) Approval from the Town Harbormaster is required.

Second: Andy Stevenson
All in favor

Discussion: FY17 Budget

A budget has been prepared that provides level funding for staff. The commission would like to request an increase the expense budget to accommodate mandatory training of new members. The commission will review the modified budget at the next meeting.

Discussion: Route 14 Reconstruction Project

Agent Bob Clarke states that the Route 14 Reconstruction Project was a major topic of discussion at the recent Department Head Meeting. The department heads were concerned that the simultaneous construction at both portions of the project were going to cause a major problem for anyone traveling through Pembroke. These were issues that the commission tried unsuccessfully to address during the permitting process without any support from the town.

Notice of Intent – 40 Center Street – Concannon (DEP file number SE56-959)

Hearing opened at 7:40 p.m.

Present: Mark Casey, South Shore Consultants, Inc., representing applicant Brendan Concannon (not present)
Stanwood and Nancy Ford, 44 Center Street, abutters

The subject proposal involves the removal of the existing house located on-site and the reconstruction of a single family house with garage, deck, driveway, utilities, septic system, grading and landscaping. The

existing lawn extends to the edge of the bordering vegetated wetland (b.v.w.). The edge of the deck is proposed to be located at a distance of 43 feet from the b.v.w. All work is to be located outside the 200 foot riparian zone to Herring Brook. The wetland delineation was performed by Brad Holmes of Environmental Consulting and Restoration, LLC. Erosion controls consisting of either haybales or silt sock having a diameter of 12 inches or greater will be placed at a minimum of 25 feet from the edge of the b.v.w.

Discussion of the proposal involved the following questions and issues: change in elevation from street to site structure (street elevation is 102 feet and the proposed site structure is at 93 feet); drainage; continued maintenance of lawn to edge of b.v.w.; continued use of shed at edge of b.v.w. with the condition that the storage of petroleum products is not allowed; the creation of a concrete washout area in the front of the house; conservation posts (not needed); and planting a vegetated barrier along the edge of the b.v.w. (at 4 feet on center).

Abutters, Standwood and Nancy Ford were in attendance to gather information on the development of the adjoining property. Mr. Casey and the commission reviewed the design and the changes to occur on-site with them.

Motion to close the hearing: Bob Clarke
Second: Patti DeVore
All in favor

Motion to issue a Standard Order of Conditions with the additional conditions outlined above: Bob Clarke
Second: Patti DeVore
All in favor.

Acting Chairperson Art Egerton reads a statement advising abutters of their right to appeal the commissions decision.

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) – 60 Cranberry Road – Hall

Hearing opened at 7:50 p.m.

Present: Bob Hall, applicant and owner

Mr. Hall, a former conservation commission member, presents his proposal to build a post and rope staircase from his house to the edge of Furnace Pond. His family has owned the property since the 1940's. He will hand-dig post holes in the embankment and lay a staircase/boardwalk to the pond. The work will not be connected to the existing dock.

Motion to close the hearing: Rick Madden
Second: Bob Clarke
All in favor

Motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination: Bob Clarke
Second: Andy Stevenson
All in favor.

Discussion: High School Drainage Basin

Member and Assistant DPW Director Scott Glauben is not in attendance, but agent Bob Clarke states that the project was put out to bid during the past week.

Minutes: November 2, 2015

Motion to accept minutes: Andy Stevenson

Second: Rick Madden

All in favor.

Documents Signed

- Agent Payroll
- Order of Conditions for 63 Adams Avenue (DEP file number SE56-958)
- Gatehouse Media Bill
- FY2016 Assessor's Maps

Adjournment

A motion was made by Andy Stevenson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Second by Rick Madden.

All in favor.