

Pembroke Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of

September 14, 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; Andrew Stevenson; Richard B. Madden; Bob Clarke; and Scott Glauben
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall, Conservation Office
Opened: 7:40 p.m.

Agent Robert Clarke chairs the meeting as it is Mr. Egerton's, Mr. Stevenson's and Mr. Madden's first conservation commission meeting. All three members were provided with a copy of the Wetland Regulations (310 CMR 10.00); Mr. Clarke provided a brief overview of conservation commission rules, regulations and responsibilities; reminded them that the conservation commission has funds to attend training sessions provided by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC).

RDA – 28 Elmer Road - Binder

The hearing is opened at 8:00 p.m.

Attending: Eric DeCoste, builder, representing applicant Kurwin Binder (not present)

The subject proposal involves the construction of a two-car garage on a slab foundation to be located at a distance of approximately 33 feet from Stetson Pond. The garage will be improved with a second floor deck supported by SONA tubes. The garage will not require any water or plumbing lines; it will have electricity for lighting; any heat provided to the building will be provided by electricity. The edge of work will not be any closer than 25 feet from Stetson Pond. Agent Bob Clarke has inspected the site and reports that the proposed work will occur on a cleared, level area. The project will not involve the removal of any trees and the lot has an area for material storage. Erosion controls consisting of either: silt sock, having a diameter of 12 inches or greater; or hay bales with a wood chip seal on the upland side will be installed prior to the commencement of work.

Motion to close the hearing: Richard Madden

Second: Andrew Stevenson

All in favor

Motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination with the following conditions: Andrew Stevenson

Erosion controls consisting of double staked haybales or silt sock having a diameter greater than 12 inches must be installed and installation approved by the conservation agent prior to the commencement of work; The use of silt fence is not allowed.

Second: Richard Madden

All in favor.

The document was prepared for the commission's signature and a copy was provided to Mr. DeCoste.

NOI – 43 Canoe Club Lane – Ambrose (DEP file number: SE56-956)

The hearing was opened at 8:30 p.m. The applicant has requested a continuance in order to provide additional research and information to the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

Motion to continue hearing to September 21, 2015 at 7:50 p.m.: Richard Madden

Second: Andrew Stevenson

All in favor

Discussion: 92 and 98 Birch Street (DEP file numbers: SE56-929 and SE56-930)

Agent Bob Clarke provides a history of these two properties which were recently purchased by related families and a complaint that the construction may not be in compliance with the issued Orders of Conditions.

Discussion: Request to use Herring Run Park on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Dave Chiminello has requested the use of Herring Run Park on Halloween from noon to 1:00 p.m. for a wedding. The ceremony will be attended by approximately 60 people and a Justice of the Peace. He will be providing a bridal archway, a runner and three chairs for the event. The commission approves the use of the park with the following conditions:

- 1.) The use of confetti is not allowed;
- 2.) The applicant must follow our “leave no trace” policy (i.e. the park must be left in the same condition); and
- 3.) If needed, the use of electricity for this event will require a fee of \$25.00 made payable to the “Town of Pembroke”.

Motion: Andrew Stevenson

Second: Richard Madden

All in favor.

Discussion: Route 14 Reconstruction Project

The commission was reminded that correspondence relating to the recently issued Order of Conditions is in the mail folder.

Discussion: High School Drainage Basin

Agent Bob Clarke provides a history of the violation and its location on site. Photographs of the site were viewed on the commission computer. The new members indicated that they would inspect the site on their own.

Unscheduled Discussion: Herring Run Park

Member Richard Madden has two items to discuss with respect to conditions at the Herring Run Park.

- 1.) One of the benches is in disrepair. (Member and DPW Assistant Director Scott Glauben will investigate); and
- 2.) Wild Parsnip has been observed in the area of the Kiwanis (Gas Company) building. This is a poisonous plant that can cause ‘burn-like’ rashes. (Bob Clarke and Scott Glauben, Richard Madden, along with the DPW will work together to devise a vegetation management plan for its removal).

Unscheduled Discussion: Silver Lake

Agent Bob Clarke reports that he has investigated a complaint regarding the growth of hydrilla in Silver Lake. He has referred the complaint and provided samples to the Board of Health for further action.

Documents Signed

- Gatehouse Media Bill
- Determination of Applicability – 28 Elmer Road

Adjournment

A motion was made by Scott Glauben to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Second by Andrew Stevenson. All in favor.