

Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
March 7, 2016

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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 (audio recording); Richard B. Madden; Bob Clarke; Andy Stevenson; Sharon Tuells; and Scott Glauben
Absent: Patti DeVore
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall, Planning Board Office
Opened: 7:30 p.m.



Acting Chairperson Art Egerton states that he has a recording device.

Discussion: Wild Parsnip at Herring Run Park

Member Rick Madden informs the commission that they need to address the issue this week. He will go and deadhead the plants in the spring and he wants assistance from the boy scouts.

The DPW is also working on the right-of-way this week.

Appointment – Jeremy Glauben, proposed Eagle Scout project

Present: Jeremy Glauben
Scott Glauben, (father and commission member)

Jeremy Glauben introduces himself as a member of Boy Scout Troop 43. Jeremy Glauben is proposing to reconstruct a bridge located between the Luddam's Ford conservation land and the Wildland's Trust Tucker Preserve. He will make the bridge handicap accessible with hand rails and will clean the area. He has also received permission from the Wildland's Trust. At this time he is requesting a letter of support for the Boy Scout council. A letter will be provided. The commission informs him that he will need to file a Request for Determination to perform the work. Fees will be waived.

Motion to waive fees for Jeremy Glauben's Eagle Scout project: Bob Clarke

Second: Rick Madden

Vote: 4-0-1; for-against-abstain (Scott Glauben abstains)

Motion to allow the use of conservation commission property: Andy Stevenson

Second: Rick Madden

Vote: 4-0-1; for-against-abstain (Scott Glauben abstains)

Cont. Notice of Intent (NOI) – 42 Rebecca Road (DEP file no.: SE56-962)

Hearing opened at 7:45 p.m.

Present: Jerome Sullivan, homeowner and applicant

Mr. Sullivan provides revised plans for the proposed garage. The garage is now 26 feet by 26 feet; the retaining wall has been eliminated; and the garage is located outside the easement shown on the plan.

Member Rick Madden suggests making the driveway smaller. Member Andy Stevenson states that the revised plans are a big improvement over the previous submittal.

Agent Bob Clarke notes that a 50 foot vegetated barrier was written into the deed. He thinks we can work around that as the area is already disturbed. He is recommending that the applicant mark the wetland line with stakes and install a barrier, such as a chain-link fence between the wetland and the garage. He would also add a condition that no hazardous material be stored in the garage or any automotive repair work be performed in the garage.

Motion to close: Bob Clarke

Second: Scott Glauben

All in favor

Motion to approve according to the amended plan, the previously stated conditions, standard special conditions and a wetland disclosure statement signed by any new owners: Bob Clarke

Second: Andy Stevenson

All in favor

Cont. Notice of Intent (NOI) – Copperwood Estates (DEP file no.: SE56-961)

Hearing opened at 8:05 p.m.

Present: Tom Pozerski, Merrill Corporation, representing applicant
Paul Brogna, Seacoast Engineering, peer review engineer, representing town
Eoghan Kelley, Stonebridge Homes, applicant
Terry and Brad Melville, 22 University Avenue, abutter
Richard Sawler, 8 University Avenue, abutter
James Paquette, 21 University Avenue, abutter

New plans were submitted which included wildlife enhancements, dam checks and recommendations from the DPW.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Erosion Control: The provided erosion control plan calls for development of the site in two phases: first from Birch Street to the wetland crossing; and secondly the area from the far side of the wetland crossing. The plans call for dirtbags for dewatering; two staging areas; a 100 foot stone entranceway to control dust/dirt/erosion from vehicles entering the construction site; double row of haybales at the wetland crossing and at the stone check dams; and extra dirtbags and erosion controls to be stored on site for emergency repairs. Peer review engineer Paul Brogna will be responsible for inspecting the erosion controls during construction.

Wildlife Enhancement and Tree Replacement Plans: The Landscape Plan was developed with a wildlife specialist and includes plantings of witch hazel, sassafras and disease resistant american chestnut. Member Rick Madden suggests grouping of plantings such as hickory, north atlantic cedar and spice bush as they provide food for birds and the spice bush is insect resistant. Mr. Madden inquires about plans to plans to reduce damage to the replacement plantings by deer. Tom Pozerski states that they will plant bigger trees, install a deer fence and suggests that the commission condition the Order of Conditions (OOC) so that a Certificate of Compliance will not be issued for 2 growing seasons. Mr. Madden requests that the OOC contain a condition that provides tree protection in perpetuity. Acting Chairperson Art Egerton asks about tree replacement. He feels that all trees removed from the site should be replaced on a 1:1 basis. Mr. Pozerski states that 1:1 tree replacement is not feasible as the trees are being removed to construct houses. He suggests that as each home will have to file a NOI, the commission can require extra tree plantings at that time. Mr. Egerton feels that the site is a valuable resource area and asks that the number of units be reduced from 34 to 20. Both Mr. Pozerski and Mr. Kelley reply in the negative that they need 34 houses for sustainability. They remind the commission that 25 percent of the units will be designated as affordable.

Limited Crossing Regulations and Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP): Acting Chairperson Art Egerton does not like the wetland crossing. Mr. Pozerski reviews the limited crossing regulation and states that the proposed crossing is allowed by regulation. Mr. Pozerski states that the project complies with the Wetlands Protection Act and Stormwater regulations. He further explains the merits of the project proponents and the reputation of the builder. Mr. Egerton would also like the applicant to revisit the NHESP determination. Mr. Pozerski states that NHESP made a determination; he will provide another copy of the letter to the commission. Mr. Egerton asks about the conservation mapping tool. Mr. Pozerski states that it was done.

Abutters: Richard Sawler asks about the filtration area. Mr. Pozerski states it is temporary. Mr. Pozerski also informs the commission that as the abutters have voiced concern about drainage, he is proposing to do grading and install yard wicks to improve drainage on their lots. The Zoning Board of Appeals has forms to allow access to abutter's property.

Agent Bob Clarke requests that the applicant provide a draft OOC for review by the commission.

Motion to continue to March 21, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.: Bob Clarke

Second: Andy Stevenson

All in favor

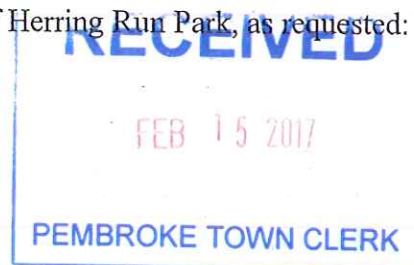
Discussion: Request to Use Herring Run Park by Pembroke Girls Scouts on April 10, 2016 from noon to 4:00 p.m. for a game of "Pooh Sticks"

The main feature of the game involves tossing Pooh Sticks off of the stone bridge, watching them float downstream and collecting them as they travel under the foot bridge.

Motion to allow the Pembroke Girl Scouts the use of Herring Run Park, as requested: Bob Clarke

Second: Rick Madden

All in favor



Discussion: Mail Folder

The commission has received an email inquiry from the Veteran's office regarding possible use of the Herring Run Park by the Mattakeesett Garden Club for the placement of a Blue Star Memorial (honoring men and women of the Armed Forces). Agent Bob Clarke is concerned that the park is becoming too crowded with monuments and whether the placement of another memorial would interfere with the town's proposed improvement's to the site. He would like the commission to think about the request and whether there is better location in Pembroke to place the memorial.

Documents Signed

- Gatehouse Media Bill
- Agent Payroll

Adjournment

A motion was made by Andy Stevenson to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Second by Scott Glauben. All in favor.

