

**Pembroke Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting of  
February 27, 2017**

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*Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 22.*

Agenda – May include topics not reasonably anticipated by the chairman at time of posting of the meeting.

*Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 20.*

**Attending:** Andrew Stevenson, Chairman; Robert Clarke, Agent; Richard Madden, Vice Chairman; Art Egerton, Member; and Scott Glauben, Member (7:42PM arrival)  
**Absent:** Sharon Tuells, Member  
**Staff:** Robert Clarke, Agent; and Rachel Michael, Administrative Agent  
**Location:** Town Hall, Planning Board office  
**Opened:** 7:38PM

Mr. Andrew Stevenson, Chairman, opens the meeting at 7:38PM, names the members and staff in attendance and states the meeting is being recorded.

**Discussion: Request for Certificate of Compliance, Lot 8, 21 Kennie Lane (DEP file number SE56-311)**

Conservation Agent, Mr. Clarke, is recommending the issuance of a complete COC for this property, as the site is complete.

Motion to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance, as requested: Mr. Clarke

Second: Mr. Egerton

All in favor

**Public Hearing: continuation of Notice of Intent (NOI) 73 Taylor Street – Hashem (DEP file number SE56-978) – construction of a new roadway and infrastructure for 6 lot subdivision**

**Invitees and other attendees:** Deborah Keller, *Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors*; Eoghan Kelley, *Stonebridge Homes, Inc.*; Tyler Nims, *Consulting Engineer*; Elizabeth Geissler, *resident*; Fern Langella, *resident*; and J. William Roberson, *resident*

Ms. Deborah Keller presents information from the water department regarding the water services that service the existing home and two abutters to the south. There are three water meters to the left of the existing gravel driveway – all three services are plastic pipe and run under the gravel driveway. Merrill has included a graphic delineation of the easement that the abutters have to allow for access, as well as for utilities.

Ms. Keller then addresses Tyler Nims's question regarding the usage of class 5 pipe – states that, for this, Merrill is seeking a waiver from the Pembroke Planning Board. She then moves her presentation to storm water management, specifying that the homeowners will be held responsible for the maintenance of these features by way of their deed. She then states that the concern voiced regarding a cross culvert underneath Taylor Street is noted; however, it is located outside of the proposed site. She informs the commission that Merrill is also seeking a waiver to allow the installation of a sidewalk on just one side of the new roadway. And finally, she explains that Merrill is able to provide the site distance requirements at the intersection.

There is general discussion regarding the proposed infiltration storm water system and rain gardens. The commissioners, while noting the worthiness of the rain gardens, stated that it would likely be impossible to hold homeowners indefinitely responsible for the upkeep. Mr. Kelley states a deed rider is the solution.

There is discussion regarding the sites that, as currently drawn, infringe on the 100' buffer zone. The chairman explains to the attendees that those areas will be redrawn, but reminds them that this particular hearing is to address the roadway only.

Motion to continue the matter to Monday, March 6 at 7:40PM and receive a draft OOC submitted by Merrill: Mr. Clarke

Second: Mr. Glauben

All in favor

### **Discussion**

#### **School Street – gas main replacement**

The agent explains that in the past, gas main replacements would be filed with the commission. It is now no longer necessary to file; however, the work still must be performed to standards as if a filing had been received. This particular notice was sent to make the commission aware of the work.

#### **Candidates for the administrative agent position**

Several applications were received. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Edwin Thorne, Town Administrator, are scheduled to meet with the three best candidates on Wednesday, March 1.

#### **Wild Parsnip**

Mr. Madden reports that he has located a gentleman to assist with this project and reminds the members that there is \$2,000.00 allotted for it.

### **New Business**

#### **Lawn mowing machine at the bogs**

It is not usable for the clearing of trails, but could be used as a trade-in toward the purchase of a new machine. The members would like to hire two DPW employees for a couple of Saturdays to do some clearing of trails.

**New(er) vehicle for the agent**

Mr. Glauben has been in touch with the chief of police to let him know the agent is in need of a vehicle. There is nothing currently available.

**Installation of a chimney on the building at Herring Run Park**

General discussion about the installation of a chimney and maintenance of the existing woodstove. The chairman advised interested members to compile a list of items needed to complete the project to present to the commission.

**Purchase of picnic tables**

Mr. Glauben has been in contact with Mr. Skip Aluisy who presented an application to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for landscaping improvements at Ludham's Ford Park. Mr. Aluisy has obtained information on discounted handicap accessible picnic tables. Mr. Glauben would like to request the purchase several of these tables for the commission for roughly \$4,000. The members agree this would be a good purchase.

Motion to purchase six (6) picnic tables at the cost of \$3,977.76: Mr. Clarke

Second: Mr. Egerton

All in favor

**Mattakeesett baseball fields**

Mr. Madden has come across a couple of advertisements for sales of trees in Wareham and Marshfield. Would like to make small order purchases of trees. Orders must be received by April 2. The chairman asks Mr. Madden to return price information to the commission.

**Documents signed**

- Voucher: MACC Environmental Conference for Mr. Madden
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- Voucher: *Solutions for Healthy Waters* conference for Mr. Madden

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13PM: Mr. Clarke

Second: Mr. Egerton

All in favor