



**Pembroke Open Space Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
November 25, 2019
Pembroke Town Hall, Room 13**

Disclosure: These minutes are not verbatim – they are the secretary'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: Ronald Boidi, Pembroke Conservation Commission Liaison; Tracy Marino, Member (acting as Clerk); Julie Slys, Member

Not Present: Denise Moraski, Clerk, Robert Clarke, Jr., Member, Michael McDonough, Chair

At 7:06PM, Mr. Ronald Boidi opened the meeting and asked the members to introduce themselves.

Minutes: The minutes from 10/28 and 11/12 were unable to be voted on due to lack of quorum at this meeting and will be added to next meeting's agenda.

Conservation Commission Liaison Report

Mr. Boidi reports that Con Com has denied OS request for any funding for the December 7th trail cleaning. They have however approved our request to have the event. We will in the future need to file an RDA if wanting to create a new trail.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Boidi has spoken with Mass Bee who currently have 2 apiaries in Amherst and Danvers. They are interested in expanding to the South Shore. Not only do they provide the hives but education, guidance and general awareness and information to beekeepers and the public.

The Lagy property or other open space locations in Pembroke could be a good fit. Having a Mass Bee apiary in Pembroke would open up the possibility for agricultural grants. Ron will reach out to Plymouth County Bee Keepers to discuss. Debbie Schneider would be interested in helping to implement.

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Ongoing Business

Trail cleaning of Lagy property is scheduled for Sunday December 8th from 8-1. Ron's employer has donated some safety glasses and gloves for the event. The event will be open to high school age plus. Tracy will reach out to high school regarding community service hours. Volunteers will be asked to wear proper footwear, safety glasses and gloves. Acceptable tools will be loppers, shears, hatchet, and hedge clippers. Volunteers will also be asked to not bring any power tools. Tracy will provide Sabrina details for the event to add to the town website and then create a Facebook event linking to the website to share on social media.

Ron, Bernie McKenna and Tracy have already mapped out the trail and performed some light maintenance in preparation for the cleaning. There is a small bridge on the trail area that is collapsed. Ron and Bernie made temporary repairs to make it safe to use. It may be a good project for a scout in the future.

Update for Open Space Plan Status- there has been no new update.

Discussion for future uses of Lagy property-

Mike Duchaney of Fairwood Dr and abutter to the Lagy property is present and is requesting that the trails not be allowed motorized vehicles. Lagy deed states 'passive recreation only' which means no motorized vehicles. Ron will speak to con com about possible signage stating so on the trails.

Possible uses would be community garden and farm stands along with the trails. We are waiting for word on whether the buildings on the property will be torn down. Some of the smaller buildings may work for hopeful property uses. The concern is if they are torn down there may be a restriction not allowing the town to build anything new. Local resident and farmer Bernie McKenna is interested in leasing an area to host farm stands and maintain the many blueberry bushes that are already present. Ron will look into whether the town can provide a long term lease for agricultural purposes i.e. a private/public partnership. Eventually it would be ideal if the Lagy trails could be connected to the conservation area behind the old Animal Rescue League on Rte 53.

Open Space's next meeting will be 12/9 at 7 pm in room 13 at Town Hall.

Julie Slys made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm, Tracy Marino 2nd.

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