



**Pembroke Open Space Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of  
March 2, 2020  
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:** Michael McDonough, Chair; Tracy Marino, Member; Julie Slys, Member; Ronald Boidi, Pembroke Conservation Commission Liaison

**Not Present:** Denise Moraski, Clerk; Debbie Schneider, Member; Robert Clarke, Jr., Member

Started the Meeting at 7:05 pm with

Tracy Marino, Mike McDonough, Sabrina Chilcott, Julie Slys, and Ron Boidi in attendance.

Began the meeting with Sabrina Chilcot giving an update on the status of the towns efforts in submitting the Open Space Plan. Along with the other plan updates that are being prepared. The Letter of Support was reviewed and signed from Pembroke Open Space Committee, endorsing the drafted Pembroke Open Space Plan for submission to the state.

Minutes of the Meetings:

The approval of January Meetings Minutes was voted to be tabled and reviewed at the following meeting.

**Conservation Commissions Report:**

Updates in the Conservation Commission and best practices from the Annual Environmental Conference.

Open Space Committee has been given the duty of Trail Maintenance.

Conservation Commission to remove Red Barn from Demo List Pending outreach for Barn Swallow nesting site preservation and alternatives.

Discussion about best practices to be used to finish off the great work done by the Trail Cleanup Crew at the Lage Preserve. Brainstorming and discussion of acceptable repairs or permanent replacement of the Lage Preserve Bridge that crosses over Pudding Brook.

**Deliverables:**

- Soliciting interest from Outside volunteer groups to gauge viability of a volunteer group running with the project.
- Follow up with photographs and dimensions to aid future discussions.
- Survey property for a second crossing location to aid in future trail development.

**Trail Stewardship:**

Discussion about how best to respond and maintain emergent issues in our Outdoor Assets.

**Deliverables:**

- Research and report best practices from surrounding communities; Tracy-Kingston Conservation Commission, Mike – Wildlands Trust, Julie- Bay Circuit Trail, Ron-Something New and Different
- Setup of Guided Group Trail Walks

**Trail Cleaning Days:**

Decided to highlight the properties: Town Forest / Bicentennial Trail

March 29 0800-100 -JJ Shepard Forest (Town Forest)

April 26 0800-100 -Bicentennial Trail

**MassTrails Grant Update:**

Working to leverage monies available for improving wildlife and greenways corridors via MassTrails Grant. Specifically connecting already established Trails and Conservation areas. Deadline is believed to be February 1, 2021.

Minutes submitted by Michael McDonough, chair