



**Pembroke Open Space Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
September 10, 2020
PACTV Virtual Meeting Room**

*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; Ronald Boidi, Pembroke Conservation Commission Liaison; Robert Clarke, Jr., Member; Tracy Marino, Member; Melissa Joyce, Conservation Administrator

Not Present: Denise Moraski, Clerk; Debbie Schneider, Member; Julie Slys, Member;

Started the Meeting at 6:03 pm with

Tracy Marino, Mike McDonough, Robert Clarke Jr, Melissa Joyce, and Ron Boidi in attendance.

Began the meeting with the appreciation of Pembroke's balance of Open Space / Walking Trails. Stark comparison to other towns during a pandemic. Thank you to Rocky's Ace Hardware for their \$50.00 donation to be used for supplies or fundraising at the next trail cleanup event.

Minutes of the Meetings:

The approval of September Meetings Minutes was to be tabled and reviewed at the following meeting, need material to review.

Conservation Commissions Report:

Question about the status of Conservation Restriction on Lage Property. Going to work with Melissa to enlist help from Wildlands Trust. Get the property under proper conservation protections from development. Would like to begin working with Conservation Commission and preparing the property for a community garden.

Discussion for Bridge repair at Little Pudding Brook, materials and support required to complete.

Still a need in town for better interface with the public and advertising the Open Spaces available in town.

New Open Space Committee Facebook page, looking forward to interacting with public and improving communication and engaging the public.

Discussion on who has interest in Sitting on the Community Preservation Committee, revisit this when a Meeting is scheduled to determine members availability.

Goose and Bear Open Season for hunting, wear Blaze Orange or walk trails on Sundays.

Deliverables:

- Project breakdown for Lage Property
- Masswildlife Habitat Management Grant Proposal (MGMGP)
- Grant Deadlines list
- Finalize which properties are to be saved
- Titan Trail report / stewardship program

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

Trail Cleaning Days:

Decided to conduct trail cleaning days on 3rd Sunday of Month:

(No hunting on Sundays)

10/18/2020

11/15/2020

12/20/2020

1/17/2021

2/21/2021

3/21/2021

Need to determine priorities for Trails that would benefit most from volunteer work crews.

XC Trail at High School

Bi-centennial Trail

JJ Shepherd Forest

Lage Preserve Cleanup

Brisan Way Trail Development

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Michael McDonough, chair