



**Pembroke Open Space Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
December 2, 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; Denise Moraski, Clerk; Tracy Marino, Member, Robert Clarke Jr, Member Julie Slys, Member, Melissa Joyce, Conservation Administrator

Not Present: Debbie Schneider, Member

Started the Meeting with Michael McDonough updating up on emails with Wildlands Trust (WLT) concerning Conservation Restriction of Lage property. WLT will need to meet with their board, have a site walk and figure out an endowment (payment) from Pembroke in order to steward property. We hopefully can get CPA money to pay for endowment.

We have a letter of interest to join OSC. Currently Committee has no open positions. We can have non -voting members Will vote on at next meeting.

Minutes of the Meetings:

The approval of October 1 Meetings Minutes by all members

Conservation Commissions Report:

Conservation has been working on usual business, standard applications. WLT has an “Adopt a Preserve”, Pembroke needs to have a similar program. Will get started in 2021. Ron will look into an APP where hikers can have a checklist (copy from WLT) and report to OSC. Tracey has information on Town of Kingston's program, their brochures etc, will email to everyone. Mike suggested QR code at trailhead. All information can go to pembrokeopenspace@gmail.com. He can share password with OSC members to check trail conditions.

Trail Stewardship:

- Open Space Guidelines finished, needs to be posted on all open space areas. Mike would like a new name. It has been emailed to all members by Mike for feedback
- Sign for Lage property is currently out for bid, temporary sign for next trail clean-up necessary.
- Trash at Lage and Open Well needs to be addressed by Concom. Bob will speak with Bob Clarke about well, Ron will ask concom about trash.
- Moratorium on hunting while Lage is being worked on starting 2021, Ron will ask concom

Trail Cleaning Days:

12/20 8:00-12:00 Lage Property

Work on front of property by street, start to map out community garden plots (see master plan) fill in well with processed fill, find a place to stockpile trash.

Ongoing Business:

Mike presented OSP to Recreation Department. It was well received, they would like us to have a trail/park clean up day. Potentially in March. Mike will meet with Rec Dept on 12/8.

Lage Master plan needs to be presented to Concom, OS members need to review and give feedback so we can post on website.

Mass Trails Grant deadline 2/1, need to have finished OSP that is approved by the state. Mike would like input on scope. Crosswalk at Lage and further down the road where sidewalk ends, new bridge, boardwalks, outdoor exercise park, extended playground on Mattakeesett ballfields.

New Business:

Bridge replacement little pudding brook at Lage, we need concom approval, possible CPC money to fund. Mike will share forestry Service plans. Need bridge sponsor, local business. Can solicit local business',

Boardwalk from Bicentennial to Herring brook, approx. 1,000'. WLT will charge 15K, need approval from Concom. Audubon also does boardwalks, can get approximate quote from them.

Tracey reports 50 new emails for our mailing list – yay!!!

Tree City from Arbor Day foundation, must meet prerequisites. Denise will ask if there is a tree warden who can help.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by Denise Moraski, clerk