

Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
April 27, 2015

Disclosure: These minutes are not verbatim – they are the administrative agent's interpretation of what took place at the meeting.

All materials presented during this meeting are available in the Conservation Office.

Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 22.

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

Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 20.

Attending: Mark Ames, chairperson; Robert Clark; Michael Kirby; and Al Gigliotti
Absent: Scott Glauben; Carey Day, vice-chairperson; and Dan Smith
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall Selectboard Office, Second Floor, Room 10
Opened: 7:35 p.m.

Request for Determination – 6 Park Street – Byrne

Attending: David and June Byrne, applicants and homeowners

Mr. Byrne provided an overview of the proposed work. He has owned the site for approximately 30 years. About 20 years ago, the department of public works constructed a retaining wall of cement and granite blocks on the Furnace Pond side of his property. Since that time, the wall has fallen into disrepair; some of the blocks are in the channel and some are in the pond. Mr. Byrne is requesting permission to reset the blocks. He will use a backhoe for the work and states that the area will support the equipment. Agent Bob Clarke has inspected and agrees.

Motion to close hearing: Bob Clarke

Second: Al Gigliotti

All in favor.

Motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination with no special conditions: Bob Clarke

Second: Michael Kirby

All in favor.

Cont. NOI - 230 Valley Street, lot 25 – Delprete (DEP file no.: SE56-947)

The applicant has requested a continuance until May 11, 2015.

Motion to continue until May 11, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.: Al Gigliotti

Second: Michael Kirby

All in favor.

Cont. NOI – 234 Valley Street, lot 26 – Delprete (DEP file no.: SE56-948)

The applicant has requested a continuance until May 11, 2015.

Motion to continue until May 11, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.: Al Gigliotti

Second: Michael Kirby

All in favor.

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Cont. NOI – 242 Valley Street, lot 27 – Delprete (DEP file no.: SE56-949)

The applicant has requested a continuance until May 11, 2015.
Motion to continue until May 11, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.: Al Gigliotti
Second: Michael Kirby
All in favor.

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Cont. NOI – 256 Valley Street, lot 29 – Brainfrank (DEP file no.: SE56-950)

The applicant has requested a continuance until May 11, 2015.
Motion to continue until May 11, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.: Al Gigliotti
Second: Michael Kirby
All in favor.

Discussion: Route 14 Reconstruction Project

No discussion.

Discussion: High School Drainage Basin

Agent Bob Clarke provides an update of the design work being performed which includes some reconstruction and mapping of the existing system.

Discussion: Notice from Selectboard to vacate meeting space

The commission has received notice from the Selectboard informing them that the use of Room 10 in the town hall will not be allowed after May 1st. It states that the commission is responsible to find another meeting location. The commission discusses alternatives including: a change of meeting day (not a viable alternative due to member work schedules); change of building location (inconvenient due to lack of computer access, late meeting hours and no access to commission files outside of town hall); and staying in town hall without the use of Room 10. Commission members noted that the use of Room 10 originated many years ago when the selectboard wanted to swap meeting spaces. The commission determined that the best short term solution would be to continue meeting on Monday evening at the town hall and that they would plan on using Room 13 when available, or a setup in the hallway with the benches when it is not.

Discussion – 47 Old Washington Street (DEP file no.: SE56-942) _

This property received an Order of Conditions from the conservation commission for the razing and reconstruction of a new home in the rear of the property. Despite assurances from the design engineer regarding flood issues, the site has serious flooding. Agent Bob Clarke and Assistant DPW Superintendent Scott Glauben have inspected the site and has informed the design engineer that a tie-in to the street drain is not allowed. The design engineer is now proposing to regrade the lot so that the water is directed to the street drain. He will be submitting plans for a ‘minor change’.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Michael Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Second by Al Gigliotti. All in favor.