

Pembroke Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
February 23, 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; Dan Smith; and Michael Kirby
Absent: Carey Day, vice-chairperson; Scott Glauben; and Al Gigliotti
Staff: Bob Clarke, agent; and Mary Guiney, administrative agent
Location: Town Hall Selectboard Office, Second Floor, Room 10
Opened: 7:30 p.m.

Commission reviews mail and documents folder.

RDA – 42 Taylor Point Road - McNamara

Presenting: Shayne McGlone of McGlone Enterprises on behalf of owner Marilyn McNamara (not present)

Wetland resource areas on this property consist of the following: Oldham Pond abuts property on the east side of the site; and a second wetland resource area consisting of a bordering vegetated wetlands (b.v.w.) abuts the property to the west of the site. Taylor Point Road, a gravel road bisects the site. The subject proposal involves the replacement of an existing cesspool with a 1,500 gallon septic tank, an 1,000 gallon pump chamber and an 8.5 foot by 25 foot ARC 36 Biodiffuser Chamber Bed soil absorption system (S.A.S.). Due to high groundwater in the area, in lieu of a percolation test, a sieve analysis was performed to evaluate soil conditions with the results used to design the system and S.A.S. The S.A.S is located at a distance of 25 feet from the b.v.w. Silt sock with a diameter of 12 inches or greater is proposed for erosion control. Due to rescheduling from recent storm events, the project does not have Board of Health approval.

Motion to close: Bob Clarke

Second: Michael Kirby

All in favor.

Motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination with the following conditions: Bob Clarke

- 1) Subject to Board of Health approval;
- 2) Erosion controls consisting of double staked haybales or silt sock having a diameter greater than 12 inches must be installed and installation approved by the conservation agent prior to the commencement of work; The use of silt fence is not allowed.

Second: Dan Smith

Mr. Clarke also requests the submittal of updated plans when approved by the Board of Health.

Discussion: personal letter in mail folder for Mark Ames

Chairperson opens letter regarding ZBA notice for 427 Washington Street. The commission reviews the letter along with the ZBA notice in the mail folder. The commission will request a copy of the plan from the ZBA for review and compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act.

Discussion: Route 14 Reconstruction Project

The conservation commission is scheduled to present an overview of the project to the selectboard next week. Agent Bob Clarke is designated to lead the discussion. The project is scheduled to go out to bid in September and a Notice of Intent has not yet been filed. An Environmental Notification Form (ENF) has been submitted to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and a public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday at the Veteran's Hall.

Motion to use funds from the wetland fee account to review the ENF and advocate for the implementation of stormwater management BMPs for the Route 14 Reconstruction Project:

Bob Clarke

Second: Michael Kirby

All in favor

Discussion: Flag Protocol

The commission has been asked who is responsible for raising and lowering flags on conservation properties (Herring Run Park and Veteran's Commemorative Park). Agent Bob Clarke states that he used to perform this task, but now no one is responsible. After discussion, the commission determines that the Town of Pembroke needs to designate someone to 'call the shots' and the contact the responsible parties.

Discussion: Request to use Herring Run Park

The Girl Scouts have requested permission to use Herring Run Park on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a game of 'Pooh Sticks'. Permission is granted.

Chairperson Mark Ames states that the first Sunday in May is the date for the annual Fish Fry and he would like that date reserved on the commission calendar.

Discussion: Zaniboni Bog Purchase

Agent Bob Clarke recuses himself from the discussion.

Chairperson Mark Ames apprises the commission that he and vice-chairperson Carey Day will represent the commission at the selectboard meeting scheduled for next Monday. The selectboard has had an ongoing discussion on this subject without any input or communication with the conservation commission. He is going to request that in the event that the selectboard has questions or concerns, that they keep the conservation in the loop.

Discussion: High School Drainage Basin

Agent Bob Clarke reports that he has provided Town Administrator Ed Thorne and Town Accountant Mike Buckley plans of the area that show that the middle portion of this land area is not owned by the Town of Pembroke.

Discussion: Warrant Articles

The commission reviews and approves articles for submittal for the Annual Town Meeting.

Agent Bob Clarke informs the commission that the previously approved purchase of 9 Owl Bog by the commission may be included on the town warrant for purchase by the town.

Unscheduled Discussion: Hils Mill Road dam and fish ladder

Agent Bob Clarke updates the commission on the status of a Certificate of Compliance for this property. It has not been built to specification and the State does not appear to be fixing the defects.

Minutes: January 12, 2015

Motion to accept minutes: Michael Kirby

Second: Dan Smith

All in favor

Documents signed:

Thank you to Landscape by Runey's (Mark Ames only)

Agent Payroll

W.B. Mason bill

MACC conference MKG and AG (2 bills)

RDA re: 190 Barker Street (Mark Ames only)

Determination of Applicability for 42 Taylor Point Road

Gatehouse Media bill

Adjournment

A motion was made by Michael Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Second by Dan Smith. All in favor.