

**PEMBROKE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC) MEETING**  
**Approved Minutes of February 11, 2008**

**Attendance**

Present

*Members:* Lea Anne Atwell, Secretary; Carol Bertsimas, Vice-Chair; Kevin Krebs, Planning Board (PB) Representative; and Ayn Whytemare

*Alternate Members:* Jeff Abbe

Not Present

*Members:* Ammy Heiser, Chair; Stetson Heiser, Kevin Gagne; Brian Tufts, Board of Selectmen (BOS) Representative

*Alternate Members:* David Baril

**1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Carol at 7:25 pm at Carol’s house. CC members waited at Town Hall until 7:10 pm, but moved to Carol’s house to meet, as the building was locked. Jeff will vote for Kevin Gagne.

**2. Review and Adopt Minutes from January 14, 2007 meeting** - Lea Anne read the minutes from the January meeting. Minor changes were made. Ayn made a motion to accept as ammended. Jeff seconded. Five in favor. None opposed.

**3. Town Meeting / Ballot Day preparation**

**ACTION ITEMS:** Lea Anne will print out language from old Chapter 66 and proposed changes for our next meeting. Ayn will get together a Velcro board. We can assemble board at next meeting (February 25, 2008).

**4. Items for BOS Meeting – Feb. 20, 2008**

**a. Ames Brook Easement:** Carol will email Ammy to confirm that she will attend to the BOS meeting to discuss recording the Ames Brook easement. If the development doesn’t go through, the conservation easement would still be held by town (if the deed were still recorded). The property could still be accessed through 7<sup>th</sup> Range Road, and part of the Town’s Master Plan is to preserve land along the range roads. Kevin Krebs indicated that the property is for sale again. Perhaps Dennis will attend.

**ACTION ITEM:** Carol will email Ammy to confirm that the CC is on the agenda.

**b. Ritchie White Parcel update:** BOS removed Warrant Article for CC land purchase, since no specific land is currently being considered, since the White deal fell through. BOS and CC have authority to purchase conservation lands, but it seems that BOS wants a Town Meeting vote first. Does that mean that CC only has one chance a year to purchase land and that any potential land purchase would need to go in front of Town Meeting? The CC is unclear as to the procedures the BOS wishes to use to acquire conservation lands.

**ACTION ITEM:** Add discussion re land purchasing process to BOS agenda. Carol will email Ammy re current status of property and discussing land purchasing strategy with the BOS.

**5. White Sands:** Kevin, who works at PSNH, talked to people at work regarding the gate at White Sands. There is a new contact person who is dealing with this issue - Bob Bourque, who is the PB chair for the Town of Pembroke. Kevin got verbal confirmation that PSNH will install the gate. Discussion took place about what else that the CC would need to do. Laura had prepared an action item list for White Sands.

**ACTION ITEM:** Lea Anne will contact Laura to let her know the new contact information and see if she is still working on this.

**6. Planning Board Application:** PB is asking for CC to review and comment re application. The application is for a subdivision of land by Townsends for a lot line adjustment. Application does not appear to affect conservation land, wetlands, etc. No comments at this time.

Lea Anne made a motion to return the form to PB with no comments. Ayn seconded. Four in favor. One abstained.

**7. Miscellaneous and Correspondences:** The following misc. items and correspondence were reviewed. No action was required.

- SPNHF renewal notice regarding membership renewal. We decided not to renew, since the CC budget was cut by \$50 this year.
- Letter from LCHIP requesting monitoring reports for land conservation properties. Pembroke does not have any LCHIP-funded conservation lands, so we do not need to reply.
- Town of Pembroke – returned check from Carol Maslanka donations. Town sent a letter indicating that the check had been returned and if they wish to make a donation they can.
- Letter from Amoskeag Rowing Club to NHDES Wetlands Bureau addressing NHDES' additional items for their dredge and fill permit application for construction at property adjacent to Memorial Field on the Merrimack River.

Kevin talked with PB about the CC's Land Use Protection Criteria rating sheet. PB discussed rating system. One question the PB had is how the CC weighs what is a good score? Discussion took place about how the CC came up with the rating sheet. We discussed potentially adding a scaling system for criteria that we consider particularly important.

**ACTION ITEM:** Add scaling discussion to March meeting.

**8. Adjournment:** Carol made a motion to adjourn. Lea Anne seconded. Five in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lea Anne Atwell, CC Secretary.