

PEMBROKE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC) MEETING
Draft Minutes of March 10, 2008

Attendance

Present

Members: Lea Anne Atwell, Secretary; Carol Bertsimas, Vice-Chair; Kevin Gagne; Brian Tufts, Board of Selectmen (BOS) Representative; and Ayn Whytemare

Alternate Members: Jeff Abbe

Not Present

Members: Ammy Heiser, Chair; Stetson Heiser; Kevin Krebs, Planning Board (PB) Representative

Alternate Members: David Baril

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Carol at 7:06 pm. Jeff will vote for Ammy Heiser.

2. Sally Hyland from Pembroke Waste and Recycling Committee: Sally came to our meeting to discuss a Warrant Article they have for this year's Town Meeting. They are looking for support from the CC for this article. The Warrant Article is an advisory article to determine if voters in town support curb-side recycling. The article does not appropriate funds and is non-binding. The committee is planning to research/test equipment, recommend a vehicle to CIP, and present recommendations at Town Meeting 2009.

The Town's trash goes to an incinerator in Penacook, which is run by a cooperative venture among 27 committees – Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative (Co-op). Tipping fees will increase by ~50% in December 2009, and the committee is looking at ways to reduce costs, including implementing curb-side recycling. Currently, recycling must be taken to the transfer station, and only ~2% of the Town's waste is recycled; many communities recycle ~30%. To make recycling effective, a comparative level of service as trash pick-up is needed. The committee needs to buy a new truck next year and is considering automating trash pick-up and curbside recycling. The Co-op is looking into single stream recycling.

3. BOS Meeting on February 20th

a. Approval to record Ames Brook Easement: Ammy, Stetson, and Carol attended meeting. BOS voted to record easement.

b. Discussion about land purchasing: The current BOS wants approval at Town Meeting for the CC to purchase land; however, this may change after new BOS election after tomorrow. It is not a policy, just a preference of the current BOS.

4. Review and Adopt Minutes – Feb. 11, 2008: Minor changes to the minutes. Jeff made a motion to accept minutes. Ayn accept. Four in favor. One abstained. Motion carries.

5. Town Meeting and Ballot Day

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a. Schedule to man booth: 11 am to 7 pm. Ayn will set up around 11 am. Lea Anne will go at 5:30 pm. Kevin and Carol will come down later in the evening.

b. Review materials for booth

6. Amoskeag Rowing Club Dredge and Fill Application: The club submitted a conceptual plan to the Planning Board for review to install a dock and a boathouse. The CC will invite Kevin Bartlett, the contact person for this project, to our April meeting to discuss and explain the project.

7. Ritchie White update: Nothing new to report. Conceptual plan for abutting parcel has been drawn up, but is on hold. As far as we know, the sale has not gone through. Do we know what new Shoreline protection laws are?

ACTION ITEM: Lea Anne will look into these regulations, so we will know more about the rules.

8. Land Use Protection Criteria Rating Sheet – discuss devising a scaling rating system: Kevin Krebs previously indicated that PB had some concerns over our rating sheet. Discussion took place about adding multipliers to the factors to establish which factors have higher value. PB wanted to know what the cut-off is for our rating sheet. Discussion took place about the fact that this rating sheet should be used as a guideline; we do not have cut-off. Concern is that CC is taking over land that is not appropriate for conservation purposes. Perhaps we should add a note/discussion to the rating sheet for clarification and discuss with the PB.

ACTION ITEM: CC members consider other items for inclusion. We should discuss at our next meeting.

9. Miscellaneous and Correspondences:

a. Saving Special Places 2008 Conference on April 5, 2008

b. Concern from land owner: The CC received a report that an abutter to the Schuett piece is concerned about an imminent threat of large dead tree to their trailer and garage. They would like to cut down the tree. The CC is responsible for maintaining the conservation property. We would like for wood to be left on Town land. We should hire someone to cut it down; otherwise, the Town takes liability. We should contact Town of Pembroke Public Works personnel to cut down the tree. We should check with them first, then contact a professional tree removal if the town can't take it down.

ACTION ITEM: Kevin will call the property owner to let her know that we are going to take care of it, either through Public Works or a professional tree remover.

10. Adjournment: Lea Anne made a motion to adjourn. Ayn seconded. Five in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lea Anne Atwell, CC Secretary.