

Pembroke Conservation Commission  
DRAFT Minutes of March 12,2007

**Attendance and Roll Call**

**Present:** Janet Anderson, Carol Bertsimas, Ammy Heiser (Vice Chairman), Stetson Heiser, Todd Terrien (PB rep), Brian Tufts (BOS rep),and Ayn Whytemare.

**Excused:** Kevin Gagne

The CC welcomed David Baril who sat in on the meeting and is considering becoming an alternate member.

Ammy Heiser called the meeting to order at 7:05 and appointed Janet Anderson to vote in Kevin Gagne's absence.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 12, 2007 were discussed. On a motion by Todd Terrien, seconded by Carol Bertsimas, the minutes were accepted with minor typo corrections and the spelling correction of David Baril's name. Motion carried.

**424 North Pembroke Road Open Space Subdivision:** As the subdivision was conditionally approved by the Planning Board, Dennis Aubin came to discuss the particulars of the Conservation Easement which was one of the conditions, with the CC. It was pointed out by Laura Scott that the Conservation Easement will have to be approved by CC, the PB and the BOS. Dennis is looking for input from this board as to what to include so he may have it drafted. Dennis thanked Ayn for her supportive testimony before the PB and Ammy for her letter. He presented the resume of Jim Fougere who may be doing the baseline documentation. He asked about the possibility of having Chris Kane as an alternative. The CC was favorably impressed by Mr Fougere's resume and knows the work of Chris Kane since he did the baseline monitoring for the Associated Grocers Easement. Dennis remarked that he has already moved the Easement boundary approximately 50 feet back from Ames Brook to provide a more substantial buffer to the fragile wetland environment. He has also fabricated a 10' bridge of tubular steel and pressure treated wood floor (4 feet clear) to place on the existing buttresses for crossing Ames Brook. He will notify the CC when he's ready to install it..

Since the CC is working on our Guidelines for Conservation Easements, we used this time to brain storm.

*Hunting:* We discussed issues of safety versus excessive restriction as well as the logistical problems of maintaining signs every 50 feet.

The CC is united in *prohibition of motorized vehicles* with 2 notable exceptions. The first is to allow snowmobiling only while there is a sufficient amount of snow and only if it is supported by a local snowmobile club that will see to proper use, enforcement of behavior, and maintenance. This agreement should be renewed annually between the club and the CC. The other exception is for public access by handicapped people who may need motorized assistance. This should only be allowed for documented handicapped people and most likely not by ATV's.

We discussed the *gathering of plant specimens* from conservation properties. This activity should be very limited and only with advanced prior CC written approval.

Dennis requested the right to flexibility on the issue of the public well and water system. Should there be a water failure at their drilled site they will need to have the ability to relocate a new well at another site which may be within the conservation easement.

Bearing these issues in mind, Dennis will try to have a conservation easement draft prepared to present for our working meeting on March 26.

**Review Draft Policies** There was continued discussion of our 3/12/07 Draft Public Use Policy for Town Managed Lands and CC Conservation Fund Guidelines after Dennis Aubin left. We again discussed specimen gathering, handicapped (motorized) access, camping, and penalties for violators. Laura will redraft these documents with the changes and run them by counsel before our next regular meeting. The CC will need a public hearing to accept these policies.

**Conservation Land Violations: White Sands:** The Brenda Lafratta(sp)property at 420 Nadine Rd (??) was cited with a violation of overflowing boundary use. She denies that there's an electronic dog fence, and abandoned furniture and stated that the Planning Board has allowed her to garden on Conservation property. Laura will follow up with another enforcement letter. The Chouinard property at 428(??) Nadine was cited for expanding their garden onto conservation property. They have removed the garden but have requested that they be allowed to continue to mow on the conservation land. The CC is requesting that all mowing stop. Ayn has offered to make tree seedlings available as an alternative. Laura will follow up with a letter. Laura will be walking the PSNH easement with their representative. The parking at White Sands violates the PSNH easement and we need their input to establish a reasonable policy for its use or discontinuance. **Schuett:** Laura sent a letter requesting a response from Rainville/Potter (272 Cross Rd) for their shed which is located on this conservation property. There has been no response and Laura will follow up with another letter. Kim Burt of 252 Academy Rd was cited for a drainage pipe discharging on the conservation property. They responded that they would like to rectify the situation by digging a dry well on their property for this discharge. This is acceptable to the CC and Laura will follow up with a letter requesting this be completed by June 2007.

**Town Meeting Prep:** Laura presented the brochures which were designed at the last working meetings. They were prepared at a cost of \$90 for 750 copies. We reiterated the members schedule of coverage for Tues 3/13 at the Village School voting center where we will pass out the brochures and generally introduce the CC to the citizens.

**Mail:** Two items of business were 1) the presentation of flyers for the Sierra Club's warrant article on global warming to be voted at town meeting and 2) the Wilmot NH warrant article to disband the Wilmot Conservation Commission.

With no other business and on a motion by Ammy Heiser, seconded by Ayn Whytemare, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50. Next working meeting is 3/26/07.

Respectfully submitted,            Stetson Heiser