

Pembroke Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2020

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (Chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice Chair), Ayn Whytemare (Secretary), Wendy Weisiger, David Baril

1. Call to Order @ 7:10 pm

2. Planning Board Application

- a. China Mill Development** For many apartments in Allenstown. Discovered that Hemlock Island is actually in Pembroke. Talk of having a footbridge to link to Rail-Trail.

3. DES Letters and Application

- a. San-Ken** PB meeting on 2/25/20 attended by Ayn. Several assumptions were made by San-Ken and it was useful to have a PCC member there to correct them. Town needs to know that CC does not have the authority to enforce wetland buffers. Ayn drafted a letter requesting PB hire experts to evaluate impacts in order to back up reasons for a possible refusal of San-Ken. David Jodoin is in favor of deed restriction to protect wetlands, but who will enforce it still remains. Wendy shared that deed restrictions are difficult to enforce unless enforceable authority written into it. Not a good idea for CC to be the authority since we are only an advisory body. Need for legal counsel to weigh in on possible options including giving authority to other landowners in the development or the Town.

ACTION ITEM: Carol will attend meeting on 3/24/20, Ayn will send letter around for comment. Ammy will send out the PB minutes from 2/25/20

- b. Vermilyea** Received DES wetlands approval for subdivision of her main parcel. No comment at this time.

4. Review and Approve Minutes ~ February 10th Wendy moved to accept the minutes as written, Ammy seconded. All in favor, David Abstaining.

5. Land Acquisitions

- a. Hillman, Parcel 939-72** Ammy spoke to Skip Hillman about 2.5 ac parcel. Let him know its smaller than we usually take. Has never been surveyed, no frontage on any Range Road. We will go look at it in the future.
- b. Sixth Range Road, 260-42 (Doherty Extension)** Ammy will be at town meeting to answer questions.

6. Conservation Lands

- a. Center Hill Tree Removal** VJ at Public Works said he looked at a complaint from 428 Deerpath Lane that a tree fell from Conservation Land, is hung up and of concern to the landowner. Public Works doesn't have the equipment to take care of it. Ammy was concerned about liability so had Collin's Tree Service take it down. Ammy moved to authorize the expenditure of \$480.00 for tree removal, David Seconded. All in favor.

- b. Signs for White Sands, Heiser and Center Hill** Language printed on signs for Heiser and Center Hill incorrect, need to redo signs.
- c. Pembroke Pines** Will be merging with White Sands, will post a sign.
- d. Hillman** Consider whether to continue to lease land to Grimes or to turn over to Pritchard.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will reach out to both to invite them to April's meeting.

- e. Monitoring Day** Sunday April 5th 9am at Town Hall. We might want to start blazing trees along boundaries.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will reach out to Three Rivers Contact and Bring Donuts. David will contact Guidance Counselor at Pembroke Academy. Wendy will bring a metal detector. Ammy will check out situation with tree paint.

- f. 50th Anniversary Walk** David noted that we could create some great PR for the CC with a celebratory walk.

7. Other Business

- a. Town Meeting on March 14th** Ammy will represent us.
- b. Town Voting March 10th** Somebody will be standing with a sign to "Vote No" on the Wetlands ordinance.
- c. Other** Ammy will reach out to the newest member of the PB as a liaison.

8. Mail and Correspondences None to report.

9. Adjournment Ayn moved to adjourn at 9:04, Ammy seconded, All in favor.

NEXT MEETING ON APRIL 13TH