

Pembroke Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2016

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (chair), Brian Mrazik (monitoring), Brent Edmunds (planning board rep), Jenny Manzelli (member). Late arrival: Mike Crockwell

Absent: Carol Bertsimas, Steve Fowler, David Baril, Ayn Whytemare

Public: Steve Whitley (town attorney)

1. Call to Order @7pm
2. Northern Pass
 - a. Our lovely town attorney Steve Whitley joined us tonight-informed us that November 15th is the deadline to submit to SEC. We want to continue to be opposed to the NP; want to protect our 6.2 miles, especially wetlands. We're concerned about the lack of concern of the visual impact and wildlife impacted and implicated. They say they'll put everything right, but how the heck will they do that?
 - b. Review wetlands applications—look for Pembroke specifics
 - c. Steve recommends looking at filings to DES for alteration of terrain permits, correspondence between their engineers and DES—will give a good picture of what they're planning to do specifically in Pembroke (as well as other towns).
 - d. Steve 15k -20k legal fees for calendar year 2017
 - e. Not clear whether or not if Board hires Steve if he could work with us separately.
3. Conservation Lands:
 - a. Whittemore: Complaint regarding ATV damage. Ammy and Jenny will assess as soon as possible.
 - b. Robert Frost Park, aka Girard Conservation Land. Ammy received an email from James Garvin, from Meet Me In Suncook Committee regarding oriental bittersweet vines which are growing and obstructing the river view. The committee volunteered to cut back these vines. This land is still under the CC's jurisdiction and also under Shoreline Protection Act. No tree roots will be disturbed. Ammy motioned to give them permission to cut down the oriental bittersweet, Brent seconded, all in favor.
 - c. Butterfield: Letter to Harry Eldridge—Carol sent letter, did a great job writing letter, way to go Carol!
 - d. Monitoring update: no changes since last meeting; Ayn and 7th graders went to White Sands, removed a ton of garbage, great times had by all.
4. Review and approve minutes- September 12th
 - a. Ammy motioned to approved amended minutes, Jenny seconded, all in favor.
5. Planning Board Applications
 - a. Pembroke Meadows:
 - i. 7 phase project, Patrick Coburn and his wetland scientist had lead a site visit with the CC back in March and pointed out soil discrepancies which help identify wetland classifications. (see March 24, 2016 minutes) Who is responsible for road maintenance until the entire project is completed??

- ii. The Planning Board meeting on October 25th
- iii. Our concerns: impact on Merrimack River. We would like future subdivisions to do it right the first time to avoid erosion caused by storm water runoff
- iv. Brent recommends we communicate with Stephanie Verdile —Town planner. We are wondering if the Board could put in a clause to assume responsibility on Pembroke Meadows? “Performance Bond” or a “Letter of Credit” Brent says this is acceptable methods in the industry.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will look into this and reach out to Stephanie Verdile

- v. We would like a conservation easement on this—would help future Rails to Trails effort
- b. Continental Paving:
 - i. 3 silos for storage, requesting an additional silo, on 804 Ricker Rd., in a horrible zone to add additional silo—one of the most environmentally sensitive zones. Aquifer contamination is an issue.
 - ii. The CC is generally opposed to the expansion of the manufacturing facility that uses potential ground water contaminants due to the increase in the overall risk of the contamination of the aquifer.
- c. John Wrecker’s Service:
 - i. He wants permission to do repairs. The CC is opposed to allowing this.
- 6. DES Letter and Applications
 - i. Kinder Morgan Tennessee Gas Pipeline: there was a modification made to the plan and permit was approved.
- 7. Potential Acquisitions: Dale Robinson passed,
ACTION ITEM: Brian will talk to the daughters to see if they would be interested in putting a conservation easement on the section of the land that abuts the Whittemore property.
- 8. NHACC Annual Meeting on November 12th
 - a. Field trip to White Sands—led by Rick Van de Poll
- 9. Other Business: The CC is also grateful to have a Planning Board Rep as well as a BOS rep so that Town Committees can share their opinions, concerns and future goals for the Town.
- 10. Mail and correspondences
- 11. Adjournment: Wrapped up at 9:15pm

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 14TH