

PEMBROKE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2023

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (Chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Brian Mrazik (Secretary), Tom Gallo, Ayn Whytemare, Erin Insley

Absent: Wendy Weisiger, Karen Yeaton (BOS Rep), Brent Edmonds (PB Rep)

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Conservation Lands:

1. **Beck Parcel Survey:** The CC discussed the three proposals obtained for this project and whether we wanted to consider altering the scope of work to only replace missing boundary markers. The CC concluded that because of the large number of residential abutters and the history of boundary infractions, a full survey was needed. Ayn moved to accept the Belanger proposal since it provided for all requested products at the lowest cost. Carol seconded. All voted in favor. Ammy will work with the BOS to get the contract approved. Ammy will also contact Belanger to discuss plans for registering the final plat with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds and to determine what information/assistance the CC should provide for the project.
2. **Monitoring Update:** Ayn reviewed the status of monitoring for 2023. Ammy advised that a copy of the monitoring report for Butterfield needs to be sent to the Conservation Land Stewardship Program.
3. **Generic signage:** Ayn will contact Megaprint to obtain a cost estimate.

Planning Board Applications: None.

Zoning Board Applications: None

DES Letters and Applications: None.

Review and Approve Minutes of September 11, 2023 Meeting: Carol motioned to approve the minutes of the September meeting, as amended. Tom seconded. All voted in favor except Ammy, who abstained.

Acquisitions: Ammy announced that the Town had received a gift of \$70,000 from the Olivia Phipps Trust. The purpose of the donation was to "...acquire forest land for a town forest to be called "Phipps Town Forest" in memory of Donald and Olivia Phipps." This gift will have to be accepted by the BOS. The CC discussed the possibilities for using this funding, including obtaining forest land adjacent to existing parcels to avoid fragmentation of wildlife habitat.

Other Business:

1. **Zoning Amendments:** Ammy reported that the PB is currently reviewing zoning amendments proposed for inclusion on the Warrant Articles for the next Town Meeting.

These amendments involve: 1. Changing the zoning of the Soucook River District from Commercial to mixed use, allowing residential use by special use permit; 2. Language clarifications for the sign ordinance and manufactured housing; 3. Revision of the floodplain ordinance required by FEMA flood map changes; and 4. Revising the wetlands ordinance to remove the reference to “appropriate uses”.

- 2. Meeting Time:** The CC agreed to a rule to establish an adjournment time at 9:00PM with a vote required to extend the meeting beyond that time.

Mail and Correspondence: Ammy discussed correspondence from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions regarding their annual meeting on November 4 at Pembroke Academy. Ammy will send out a group email with more information. CC members are encouraged to attend and may register at NHACC.org. Interested members should advise Ammy of their registration and what workshops they plan to attend.

Adjournment: By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2023