

Pembroke Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2017

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Ayn Whytemare (Secretary), Brian Mrazik (Monitoring), Brent Edmunds (PB rep), Jenny Manzelli, Mike Crockwell (BOS rep), David Baril. Public: James Coughlin, Janna Culberson, Stephanie Brasley, Ken Stern.

1. Call to Order @7:07 pm

2. Possible Acquisitions with Ken Stern from 5 Rivers and owners:

a. The Robinson Parcel Janna and Stephanie are the late Dale Robinson's daughters. His farm is 110 acres of mixed farm and forest land at the corner of 4th RR and Pembroke Hill Road. They are still in probate, and want to know what their options are, would like to have all of it in conservation, but don't know if that is practical. The back-forest part seems to be most logical at this point. Options include buying land outright and putting it into conservation. Another option would be to deal with a conservation easement with private ownership, the easement could either be purchased or donated. Ken is here to educate all parties and see if we would be open to having 5 Rivers holding the easement but the PCC would pay for it. Next step is an appraisal. (According to the Open Space Plan, this property is #40 on top 100 properties to save)

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will make contact with Alan Hardy in Boscawen who has just done something like this.

b. Poirier Parcel Jim Coughlin presented his piece on Center Road. 100.38 acres in total, intending to take out acreage for existing houses, one close to Center Hill and another in the middle of the property and cell tower. Approximately 90 acres for conservation. Many subdivisions have been proposed but not been successful. Wilfred Poirier is no longer interested in developing it. He would be willing to pay for an appraisal. Because it is in the middle of town and has views it is desirable in its potential for recreation. Ken suggested that we could make it a Town Forest with trails and a public meeting place, which may open up other grant opportunities. Jim would be interested in seeing what the conservation appraisal comes up with. Ken explained the concept of a "Bargain Sale". Ammy suggested Jim call Tim Daniels of Capital Appraisals to get the appraisal done.

c. Other Will need to do site visits, will connect next month after the snow clears.

3. Review and Approve Minutes ~ January 9th, February meeting cancelled due to weather. Ammy moved that we accept with minor changes, Carol seconded. All in favor.

4. Planning Board Applications Nothing new although the Pembroke Meadows project needs to come up with a new points of access plan.

5. DES Letters and Applications None

6. Conservation Lands

a. Beck Brian has not gotten to the letter

b. Monitoring Update April 22nd Saturday, 9am meet in Town Hall Parking Lot.

ACTION ITEM: Jenny will check in with Pembroke Academy to see if anyone needs community Service Hours.

c. Other Need another Tire month.

ACTION ITEM: Ayn will contact Jim Boisvert to see if this would work for them and if they are having another Hazardous Waste Day this September.

7. Natural Resource Chapter Review Brian moved that we take the newly revised NRI chapter and forward it to David Jodoin and Stephanie Verdile as requested by BOS. Ammy seconded. All in favor, David Abstaining. Kudos to Brian for all his hard work editing the chapter and getting the maps up on the town website.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will forward the document and check on getting the rest of the info onto the town website.

8. Other Business

a. Pembroke Pines There was an appeal filed by some Donna Drive residents to repeal the Zoning Board's original special exception for the development. The Planning Board has only seen concept plans, nothing concrete. Sewer capacity likely to be an issue with number of dwellings proposed.

b. Range Road Closure Dates Approved by BOS, new dates are December 16th-May 31st. BOS is looking into adjusting the signs to reflect this change.

c. Northern Pass Hearings Ammy met with the SEC for preliminary hearings. Gave her hundreds of pages to read to try to put her off. She will be submitting testimony concerning the visual impact is that the height of the poles makes the Town look more industrial and they will dominate the rural landscape. In addition Natural Resources will be greatly impacted due to the prolonged disturbance and construction activities will potentially adversely impact numerous plants and wildlife species including several rare, threatened and endangered species. The mitigation plan proposed by NPT does not adequately address these concerns nor do they avoid and minimize the impact this project will have on our natural resources. This information has been gleaned from NPT's application, Pembroke's NRI and several Wildlife reports, especially the Arrowhead Environmental testimony. Ayn moved that we accept Ammy's testimony, Carol seconded. All in favor with David abstaining.

9. Mail and Correspondences Lots of chances to expand your conservation perspective.

10. Adjournment 9:45, Jenny was melting and the baby was kicking.