

PEMBROKE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC)
Approved Minutes of March 9, 2009 Meeting

Present: Lea Anne Atwell, Secretary; Carol Bertsimas, Vice-Chair; Kevin Gagne; Ammy Heiser, Chair; Stetson Heiser; Ayn Whytemare.

Not Present: Kevin Krebs, Planning Board (PB) Representative and David Sheldon, Board of Selectman (BOS) Representative

Others Present: Jeff White

1. Call to Order: Ammy called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Jeff is interested in joining the CC as an alternate member. **ACTION ITEM:** Ammy will find out the procedure for nominating him and get back to him.

2. Review and Adopt Minutes – January 12th and February 9th

January 12, 2009 – Minor corrections were noted for items 8c and 8d, and additional language was added to item 8d regarding discussions with Chuck Knox from the Five Rivers Trust. Carol made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Stetson seconded. Four in favor, one abstained, none opposed (Kevin G. arrived after discussion of agenda item 2). Motion carries.

February 9, 2009 – The date needs to be corrected. Jeff asked about the language in the White Sands monitoring report regarding the snowmobile use at White Sands. Discussion took place about whether snowmobiles are allowed at White Sands. White Sands is not open to any motorized vehicles, except for emergency vehicles and handicapped access. The language in the minutes will remain as written. Ayn made a motion to accept the minutes with the revised date. Carol seconded. Four in favor, two abstained. Motion carries.

3. Pine Grove Farm – Kevin G. has calls into a couple of appraisers regarding costs for Conservation appraisals for the property. **ACTION ITEM:** Kevin will follow up with the costs and report back at our next meeting.

4. Applications from PB for review – There were no items to review.

5. CTAP Open Space Planning Program - Ammy signed the letter of commitment for the program on March 3rd. The PB will also be involved in the program. Kathy Cruson also signed the letter of commitment. Stephanie, the interim Town Planner, was going to see if there were any other committees in town that would be interested in participating.

6. Open Space Ordinance Update – Carol, Ammy, and Stetson attended the last PB working meeting on revisions to the Open Space Ordinance. The PB is currently

working to revise the ordinance, with the plan to vote on the revisions and next year's Town Meeting.

Ammy will email everyone the most recent version of the working copy. The next PB working meeting is March 17th, where they will discuss the ordinance. Jeff indicated he may be able to attend. Ammy encouraged everyone to attend the meeting or read the draft and provide comments. We also discussed reading the 2004 Master Plan, which can be found on the town's website, or in our CC binders (Natural Resources Chapter only).

7. Mail, Correspondences and Misc.

a. Town Meeting - The CC does not have any items before the meeting this year. Changes to the zoning ordinance, wetland requirements, and some of the open space requirements are being proposed and can be found in the latest version of the Town newsletter. We discussed having a CC volunteer sign-up sheet at the meeting. **ACTION ITEM:** Ayn will create a sign-up sheet and email it to Ammy, who will take it to the meeting.

b. Website submission: Lea Anne contacted Kevin Foss and never heard back from him. **ACTION ITEM:** Lea Anne will contact Kevin again regarding putting up CC information on the Town website.

c. Proposal from Jessica Joy, PA student: Jessica presented a proposal to the BOS regarding deer crossing signs at Cross Road and Church Road. The BOS suggested she present her proposal to the CC. The CC has not heard from Jessica, so the item will be tabled.

d. Other business: The CC discussed the following items:

- Ayn sent a draft sample easement from Five Rivers Conservation to interested CC members. If other people are interested in receiving a copy, send an email to Ayn.
- We discussed GIS mapping. We have the necessary data files, but Lea Anne has not had time to put them together in a useable format using free software. Jeff indicated he may be able to get software for us to use. **ACTION ITEM:** Lea Anne will email Jeff the types of files we have. Jeff will look into whether he can get a program for us to use. Lea Anne will compile the maps.
- We discussed having a Monitoring Day for people to come help the CC monitor various properties in Town. The date is planned for April 26th, with a rain date for May 2nd. The time will be from 9 to 5, and we discussed having food at the event. We will discuss in more detail at our next meeting. **ACTION ITEM:** Ayn will work to get the monitoring paperwork together.
- Kevin brought the CC's GPS unit to the meeting. We will keep the unit at the Town Hall for use for CC monitoring. Kevin made a motion to require that the CC unit will be used only for CC purposes. Ayn seconded the motion. Six in favor, none abstained. The motion carries.

e. Mail – The CC received several newsletters and flyers. We also received information from NHDES regarding a Wetland Restoration program. NHDES has identified wetland sites for restoration using computer mapping, some of which were identified in Pembroke. Grant money is available. **ACTION ITEM:** Stetson will call for more information.

9. Adjournment: Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Lea Anne seconded. Six in favor, the motion carries.

Submitted by Lea Anne Atwell, Secretary.

Next Meeting – April 13,, 2009