

# Pembroke Conservation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2016

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (Chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Ayn Whytemare (Sec.), Brian Mrazik (Monitoring), Steve Fowler Absent: Mike Crockwell (BOS), Kevin Krebs (PB), David Baril

### 1. Call to Order @7:05 pm

### 2. Conservation Lands:

**a. Beck: Violation letters** Review of 445 Micol Road violation (Fish). Slight adjustment of language to be done by Brian Mrazik. He will be sending an electronic copy for us to review. (Final copy attached)

**b. Monitoring Update** It is snowing, wait for spring.

**c. Other** Frustration over reluctance of town to recognize violations. Has extended to hazardous waste, taking wood from conservation land, boundary violations.

**3. Review and Approve Minutes ~ January 11<sup>th</sup>** Ammy moved to accept, Carol seconded. All in favor.

**4. Planning Board Applications** Were not any and technical review committee was cancelled.

**5. DES Letters and Applications** None.

### 6. Potential Acquisitions:

**a. Sixth Range Rd Parcel** Still have not heard anything from BOS.

### 7. Northern Pass:

**a. Pembroke Petition to Intervene** Brian wrote the letter to sign us up with the NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC).

**b. NP Questions: Regarding the Impact of Line Burial** There are ways to get a line underneath a wetland with boring but we are unsure how that would work with the size electrical line they are proposing. Concern that to bury the line in the conventional way it would severely impact some prime wetlands. On the other hand, the overhead lines will require more clearing of forests and regular maintenance to keep the vegetation down. (Additional questions and material attached)

**c. 5 Rivers: NP Mitigation Proposal** From Ken Stern, 2 parcels the NP has purchased and are of concern. Unclear what they want us to do with this information.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ammy will call Five Rivers Conservation Trust to see what they mean by this communication.

### 8. Other Business:

**a. 2016 Budget** Have not received a confirmation from the BOS.

**b. NRI** Rick VandePol needs to be contacted for him to finish the job he started.

**9. Mail and Correspondences** Acknowledgement from Five Rivers that they monitored Hillman, and plea for money from SPNHF.


**10. Adjournment** 8:24

NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

## Questions for Eversource/Northern Pass


1. How much wider does the existing Right of Way need to be?
2. What is the construction disturbance (immediate effect)? Overhead vs. burying lines.
3. What are the long-term disturbance issues? What maintenance will need to be done? Overhead vs. burying lines.
4. What effect will the electric lines have to people living next to or using the area? Overhead vs. burying lines.
5. What do areas look like 10 years after? Overhead vs. burying lines.
6. Can some wetlands be drilled underneath with a bore to minimize impact?
7. If we bury the lines, how long will they last? Under what condition would they have to dig them up?
8. Why aren't these power lines being put in existing corridors? (I-93)


# **2015 HIGHEST RANKED WILDLIFE HABITAT BY ECOLOGICAL CONDITION**

 Highest Ranked Habitat  
in New Hampshire

 Highest Ranked Habitat  
in the Biological Region

Biological region = TNC ecoregional subsection  
for terrestrial habitats or Aquatic Resource  
Mitigation region for wetlands and floodplain forest.

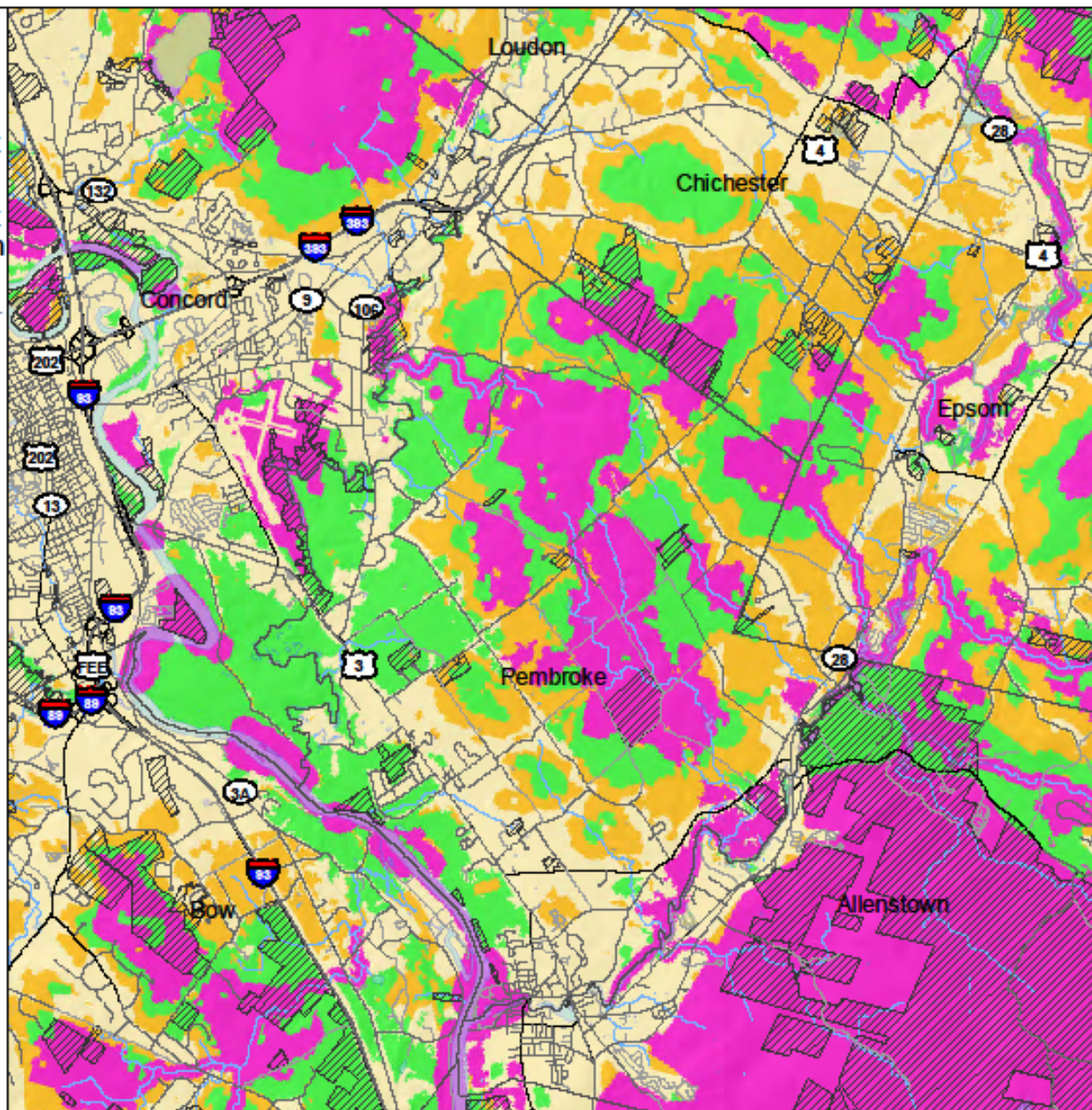
 Supporting Landscapes

 Conservation or public

Base map data provided by NH GRANIT (2015)  
Not intended for legal use.

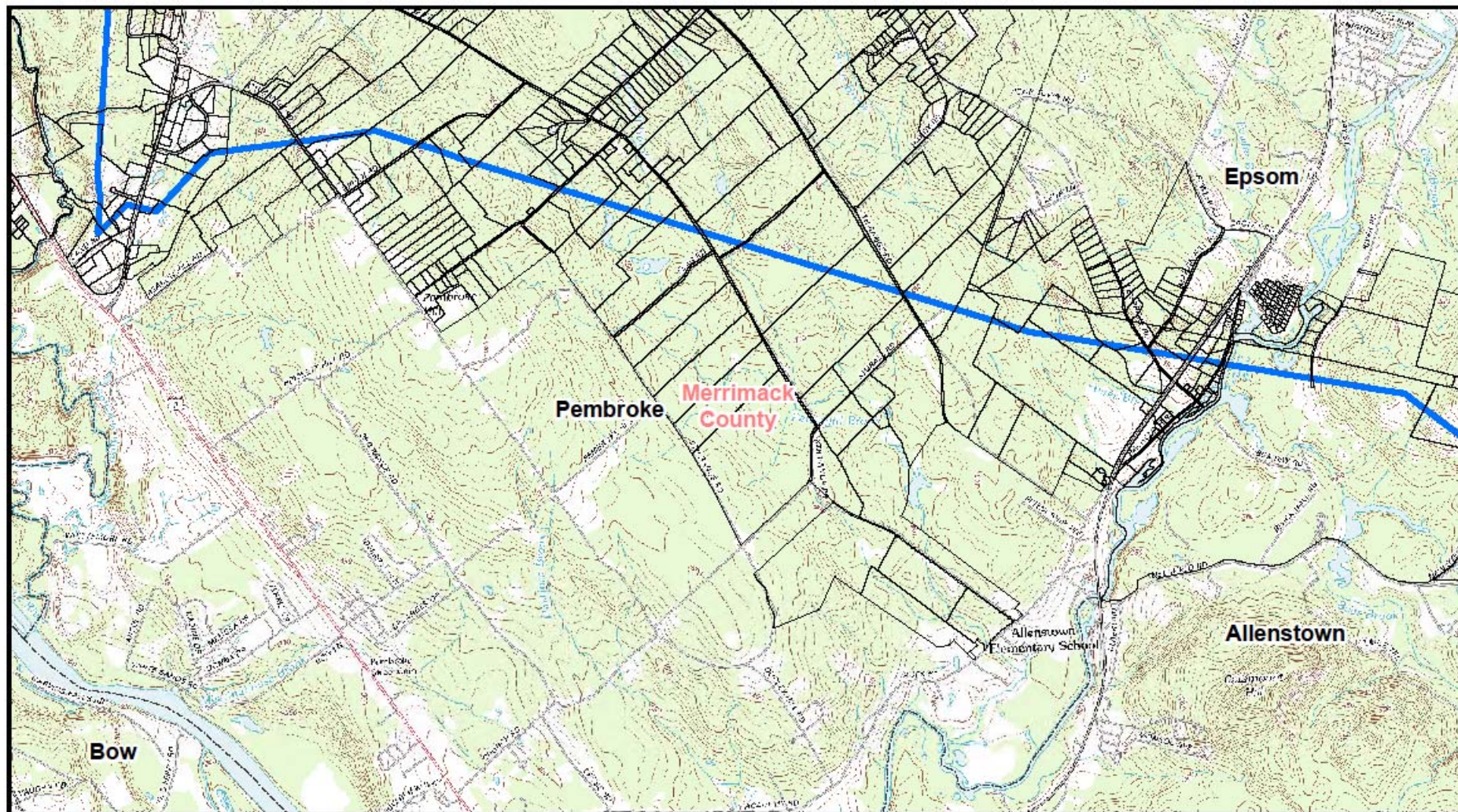


**NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Wildlife Action  
Plan  
September 2015**









INDEX MAP



### Legend

- |                                |                                    |                             |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Proposed Route (Overhead)      | Proposed Converter Terminal        | Proposed Transition Station |
| Proposed Route (Underground)   | Existing Substation to be Upgraded | Municipal Boundary          |
| Deerfield to Scobie Pond Route | Parcels                            |                             |

Sources : USGS Topo, Burns & McDonnell

### The Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Proposed Route

Map 46 of 53

USGS Quads : Suncook, Gossville



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Date: 10/6/2015







## TOWN OF PEMBROKE

Town Hall – 311 Pembroke Street, Pembroke, New Hampshire 03275 Tel: 603-495-4747

### **CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN-RECIPT REQUESTED**

February 11, 2016

Mr. Brendan A. Fish  
445 Micol Road  
Pembroke NH 03275

Dear Mr. Fish,

This letter is a follow-up to previous discussions and correspondence between you and members of the Pembroke Conservation Commission and the Pembroke Code Enforcement Officer regarding encroachment on Town land adjacent to your property at 445 Micol Road. This land is protected by a conservation easement and is known as the Beck Conservation Area. The encroachment was first brought to your attention by the Commission in a letter dated July 28, 2011. In that letter, it was noted that boundary markers on the north side of your property had been lost or destroyed and that trees had been removed on conservation land abutting your lot. That letter also requested that you cease to cut, trim, mow or otherwise disturb the land within the conservation area.

The Commission inspects the boundaries of all conservation areas on an annual basis. Inspections in 2012 and 2013 indicated that the area of forest clearing, adjacent to your property, had continued to expand. In November 2013, the Commission contracted with H.H. Amsden and Sons, a licensed land surveyor, to conduct a survey of the conservation area boundary adjacent to your lot and to establish new boundary markers. Attached is a copy of the surveyor's report indicating that approximately 0.2 acres of forest clearing had taken place up to 60 feet from your property boundary. In addition to the removal of trees, soil disturbance and planting of grass had also been undertaken. These inspections had also identified the placement of a parking area, brush, yard tools, and a stove on the conservation area. Although some of these items have subsequently been removed, on the December 13, 2015 inspection we noted that a significant amount of construction materials had been placed on conservation land to the north of your house.

We request that you cease any further encroachment, remove all materials as soon as possible, and discontinue maintaining the affected area, allowing it to revert back to natural conditions. Hopefully, this matter can be resolved without escalation beyond this cease-and-desist notice. If you would like to meet with the Commission to discuss these issues, our regular meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Town Hall. Our next meeting is on March 14. Please contact our Chairman, Ammy Heiser, at 568-0021, or by email at [harunga1@msn.com](mailto:harunga1@msn.com), at least 7 days prior to the meeting if you wish to attend.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Pembroke Conservation Commission

