

Pembroke Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2019

In attendance: Carol Bertsimas (Vice chair); Wendy Weisiger; David Baril; Brent Edmonds (Planning Board rep).

Absent: Ammy Heiser, Ayn Whytemare, Mike Crockwell (BOS rep)

Public: Trail Dawgs members: Ed Kinney, Roger Leroux, Rich Caruso, Bill Conn

RMI reps: Mike Potash, April Sargent; and Jay Prichard (Farm owner)

1. Call to order @7:05PM
2. Planning Board Applications: none
3. DES letters or applications: reviewed
 - a. Jeannine Berube, 450 Seventh Range Rd – Permit approved by NH DES to dredge and fill 1,050 sqft of forested wetland to install two 30 ft x 12” culvert pipes, boulder headwall, and associated driveway fill to provide residential access to lot 26-1. No action needed by PCC.
 - b. Pembroke Hydro Assoc Limited Partnership – subject property at Main St, unit 1, Suncook tax map /lot #: VW/243; standard dredge and fill application made; DES requested more information from applicant.
 - c. Jennifer Robert, 331 N. Pembroke Rd – NH DES approved after the fact request to dredge and fill about 4,910 sqft of palustrine wetlands to install four wetland crossings associated with driveway construction for residential lot. No action by PCC.
4. Review and approve minutes – November 12, December 10, 2018, and January 14, 2019 – tabled until March meeting, no quorum.
5. Conservation Lands
 - a. David Baril reported he had walked Whittemore, Bragfield, Beacon Hill, Richard, Brittany, and White Sands properties. While he did not locate perimeter pins on all properties, Dave did observe the condition of each property and offered to complete monitoring forms on each parcel.
6. Potential land acquisitions
 - a. Sixth Range Rd parcel – lot #260-42 – Carol attended the BOS meeting 2/4 where they voted to approve purchase of the Sixth Range Rd parcel lot 260-42 by the PCC. Carol will follow up with Dave Jodoin and Ammy Heiser for details to complete transaction.
 - b. Poirier – still pending, no update

7. Other business

- a. Four members of the Trail Dawgs Snowmobile club presented their concerns about increased use of the range roads by an ATV club that wants to organize in Pembroke. Currently, the Trail Dawgs do a lot of trail maintenance on the range roads including work on bridges, placing culverts, and other general trail surface upkeep. If the roads are used by ATVs year around, would they help with maintenance, policing of trail offenders, and where would users park? The club is very concerned about a significant increase in use which could lead to increased deterioration of the trail resource. They also asked whether or not developers of land in the areas around range roads could be asked to include recreational trails through the property in order to maintain current trail passage between range roads and trails. It was suggested that the Trail Dawgs contact potential land developers to ask their question about including recreational trails. It was also suggested that the club contact the ATV club organizers directly to voice their concerns and try to work out compromises to benefit both groups of users as well as other general users.
- b. Resource Management Inc (RMI) presented their request for the use of class A biosolids on the Hillman conservation farmland. They would need written permission from the owner before proceeding. Waste treatment biosolids are treated to destroy harmful bacteria then they are combined with potash to produce organic fertilizer which supplies nitrogen, potassium, and lime to growing soil. They are currently using biosolids in adjacent fields and have realized a significant increase in crop yield. Jay Prichard would like to be able to take advantage of increased yields from the Hillman property which he currently farms. They propose flagging a 100ft set back between the fields and the river. They would like to be able to spread the biosolids while the ground is still frozen so as to minimize damage to the dirt access road. Wendy asked if there was an up to date conservation plan for the land – she found it needs updating. RMI representatives were told further discussion was needed with Dave Jodoin and Ammy Heiser before being able to provide an answer to the request.

8. Mail and correspondences – Card from Five Rivers advertising 2nd annual Five Rivers Film Festival to be held Tuesday 2/19 at 5:30 PM at the Red River Theater. Contact 5rct.org for more information.

9. Adjournment at 8:38PM.

Next meeting on March 11, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Carol Bertsimas, Vice chair