

Pembroke Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2019

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (Chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Ayn Whytemare (Secretary), Brent Edmunds (PB rep), Mike Crockwell (BOS rep), David Baril (new member), Wendy Weisiger.

1. Call to Order @ 7:10 pm

2. Land Acquisitions

- a. Poirier Update** All necessary approvals have been achieved, so we are on to continue with the purchase of the 87 acres with no frontage on Center Road. Hoping that this will get done in June.

i. **Approvals Received from ZBA, PB, and BOS**

ii. **Steps for Purchase: Deed Review and Permission to sign.** Ammy needs our approval to sign the new modified deed. Wendy moved to do so, Carol seconded. All in favor.

iii. **Closing Details** Ammy will talk to a Title Company.

- b. Sixth Range Road Parcel: Lot 260-42** (Extended Doherty), Purchase for the last amount mentioned in our meeting. Ammy moved to purchase for \$6000, Carol seconded. All in favor. Mike reminded us to have the deed say it is for "Conservation Purposes Only."

- c. Baxter** Abutter to Baxter would like to buy it for his own purposes. We are going to research the deed. Might be able to sell with deed restrictions on it.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will talk to David Jodoin to see what the next step is, who will get the money and try to contact the abutter.

3. Planning Board Applications

- a. San- Ken Fourth Range Rd Subdivision** Site walk for June 15th @10 am. Carolyn Cronin (Town Planner) wanted us to give our opinion to the Planning Board on shared driveways. We have concern that in this case it would allow the developer to put in several more houses close to other wetlands, making the *overall* wetland impact larger. When shared driveways result in greater land conversion from open space to development we are opposed. There is major frustration that this development will have a negative long-term impact on this neighborhood, the town, and the ecology of the area. Need to see make sure we can weigh in on the NHDES wetland application for this site.

i. Good step would be to see if Rick VandePol's NRI suggested this as a prime wetland

ii. Ammy moved that we request the BOS hire our own wetland scientist as an independent third party opinion. David seconded. Four in favor, One against. Brent abstained, Mike is not a voting member.

iii. Ayn moved that we suggest to the BOS to hire an independent hydrologist look at how water is handled on the site, where it is being diverted to, and what impact it will have on abutting /downstream areas. Ammy seconded. All in favor, Brent abstained.

ACTION ITEM Ammy will look into the Prime Wetland designation and the NHDES wetland application that may have been filed with the town.

4. **Review and Approve Minutes ~ April 15th** Ammy moved that we accept with minor changes. Carol seconded. All in favor.
5. **DES Letters and Applications** None reported.
6. **Conservation Lands**
 - a. **Ames Brook** Carol called Public Works and had them throw out the garbage David put at the entrance at monitoring day.
 - b. **Monitoring Update** David is working on replacing the Beacon Hill Road sign.
7. **Other Business**
 - a. **Forest Management Plan**
 - b. **Pembroke Pines** The deed has been approved for Conservation Land and McCormick is moving forward with his development plans and clearcut the area to be developed.
 - c. **Emerald Ash Borer** David's Facebook post garnered many interests, need to follow up asking people not to move the ash even for firewood because it will spread the pest.
8. **Mail and Correspondences** None of any importance.
9. **Adjournment 9:10pm**

NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 10TH