

Pembroke Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2020

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Ayn Whytemare (Secretary), David Baril, Wendy Weisiger, Absent: Susan Plante, Holli Germain (PB rep), Mike Crockwell (BOS rep). Members of the public (Prospective members): Sharon Morris, Brian Mrazik

1. Conservation Lands

- a. **White Sands** An abutter wanted some leftover cordwood left by Eversource, but we don't want people to start stealing, so decision is just to leave it.
- b. **Monitoring Update** Ammy and Brian Mrazik went to Bragfield pond today and saw lots of blowdown, otherwise looked great. No sign of motorized vehicles. May need to leave blowdown, 60-70 trees down but paths still accessible.
- c. **Other** Center Hill Property "adopted" by Doyle family,
- d. **File Cabinets** Ayn, Carol and Ammy started tackling the file cabinets. Helpful to consolidate Monitoring forms and GPS files.

2. Planning Board Applications

- a. **Evans proposed development hearing** January 4th BOS having public hearing about that development. 6:30, check in with Town Hall to see if remote or in person.
- b. **Other** No other PB applications
- c. **Master Plan** Need to review latest, has not been completely finished. Big issue will be which Range Road will be sacrificed for another way to get to Concord. Need to see where development is encouraged.

3. DES Letters and Applications

Whytemare expedited application going through with signature issue resolved.

4. Review and approve Minutes November 9, 2020

Carol moved to accept with minor adjustments, Ammy seconded. Carol-yes, Ammy-yes, Ayn-yes, Wendy-yes, David-abstain.

5. Other Business

- a. **New Members** Two new prospective members: Sharon Morris, Brian Mrazik (returns!) Sharon, Carol seconded. Carol-yes, Ammy-yes, Wendy-yes, David-yes, Ayn-yes. Ammy moved to accept Brian, Carol seconded. Carol-yes, Ammy-yes, Wendy-yes, Ayn-yes, David-yes.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will check with town to see exactly how many members we can have.

- b. **Open Space Ordinance** Ammy passed out a draft of the Open Space Ordinance for review, language needs to be tightened up to prevent another San-Ken situation that takes advantage of loopholes. The PB invited PCC to join Open Space Committee, Carol and Ammy are attending. Working on language for 2022 Town Meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will ask Carolyn what is happening now that they have temporarily rescinded the existing Open Space Ordinance.

- c. **Other** Future concerns about Range Roads to keep further development. We might need to spearhead conversion of Class 6 to Official Trail. Problems with ATVs, which are allowed all year round. As public roads there is only so much we can limit. May need to focus on this in 2021. Wendy has some expertise in this area, we are one of the few towns without seasonal restrictions on ATV's.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will set up a work session for the ATV issue after the holidays.

6. Mail and Correspondence DES application and a flier.

7. Adjournment 8:15pm. These remote meetings are awesome!

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 11TH