

Pembroke Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (Chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Ayn Whytemare (Secretary), Brian Mrazik, Susan Plante, Karen Yeaton (BOS Rep). Absent: Wendy Weisiger, David Baril (Resigned at beginning of meeting, moving to Concord)

1. **Call to Order** 7:16pm
2. **Planning Board Applications**
 - a. **Minor Site Plan: NG Advantage: 10 Cooperative Way** Natural Gas Company. Propose to put in one new storage container and another natural gas skid. Structures will be shifted around on site. No more impervious surfaces added. Plans are unclear, would like to know exactly what is being stored and if it is harmful. What exactly are the containers? Shipping or storage? Will they be sufficient to contain what they are proposing?
 - b. **Minor Site Plan: NE Flower Farms** Lot line adjustment in preparation for the next item. Purchasing 5.6 ac from Continental Paving.
 - c. **Major Site Plan: NE Flower Farms** Proposing to build 144k sq. ft. greenhouse. Company has a history of going above and beyond in terms of compliance and water protections. Increasing septic system, why is this needed if number of employees not increasing? Retention basin to control runoff from new roof, who maintains or monitors the basin? The site has porous soil, how much filtering is any vegetation likely to actually take care of? How much chemical fertilizer and pesticide is stored on site at any one time?
3. **DES Letters and Applications** Nothing received
4. **Review and Approve April Minutes** Carol moved to accept as written, Brian seconded. All in favor with Susan and Karen abstaining.
5. **Conservation Lands**
 - a. **Annual Monitoring Day Recap** Ammy heard from someone who wanted to use a metal detector on conservation land. Concerns that people would take things away and remove things from historical context, also concern that we are missing an opportunity to find valuable archeological sites.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will contact NHACC and Jim Garvin to see what other towns and the State of NH have as a policy.
 - b. **Other** With David gone we need to find someone else to monitor White Sands, Merrimack River and to get a new map available of conservation lands available for public access/trails.
 - c. **Monitoring** Doyle completed Center Hill, Susan Plante completed Keniston, with questions about contact with abutters. Carol and Brian monitored Beck on 4/14/2021. Missing pins a frustration, may need to resurvey. Brendan Fish has raised soil level has covered pin. Someone

wanted permission to clear out some bittersweet, enthusiastic support from PCC because it is invasive and the area is too tangled to move through. Previous problems with brush and dirt piles have not been addressed.

ACTION ITEM: Karen and Susan will come up with a message to use on multiple media platforms to kindly remind people proper Conservation Land protocols.

ACTION ITEM: Brian & Ammy volunteer to do baseline documentation for Pembroke Pines addition to White Sands and Merrimack River parcel.

ACTION ITEM: Ammy will ask Hank Amsden about missing pins on Beck.

6. Other Business

- a. **OHRV signs** Delayed, hoping to get them this week.
- b. **Other** Interest in forming a Range Roads Committee that would be responsible for keeping on top of RR issues and monitoring RR.
- c. **Election of Officers** Lets keep a good thing going: Ammy-Chair, Carol-Vice Chair, Ayn-Secretary. All in favor but Ammy, because she is so modest.

7. Mail and Correspondences Chainsaw safety and Logging with tractors class from SPNHF, Eversource replacing some poles (unknown location).

8. Adjournment 9:23.

NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 8TH