

# PEMBROKE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

December 13, 2021

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (Chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Ayn Whytemare (Sec), Brian Mrazik, Wendy Weisiger, Kevin Foss (PB Rep), Karen Yeaton (BOS Rep). Also in attendance: Richard Wengenroth, Jennifer Smith (Both on Town Energy Committee), Randall Shuey (Pembroke Congregational Church)

1. **Call to Order** 7:00pm at Town Hall
2. **Energy Committee** Regrouping due to new state law (HB315& SB91) allowing towns to choose their own power supplies. NH not competitive in power pricing, pricing of renewables have dropped in past 10 years, goal to “de-carbon” the grid, projecting more electricity use going forward, new Community Power groups starting that act as brokers for communities, propose joining with Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) which is already established, only deals with supply charges, Eversource will continue to be in charge of generation and infrastructure. Decreased cost may come from the fact that CPCNH is a nonprofit and Eversource has investors obligated to make a profit for. Easier access to renewable energy, allows towns to develop town wide renewable projects. Opt-out plan good for better participation. Gathering members to develop a town power plan to be approved at town meeting 2023.
3. **Potential Acquisitions**
  - a. **Third Range Road Parcel** Randall Shuey presenting for the PCC. Bought land 20 years ago, now has 24 ac. parcel with frontage on Third RR and abuts Keniston/Taylor conservation land. Interested in selling in order to make improvements to church building. Has had some interest since this summer, but complications kept projects from going forward. Has two offers for full asking price, one may be an abuttor who wishes to conserve it. We have considered this piece earlier this year and decided not to make an offer.
4. **Planning Board Applications**
  - a. **627 and 619 Sand Road: Minor and Major Subdivision Plan** Two items, Minor is a lot line adjustment to make lot 48 larger. Major is to construct a new self-storage facility (adjacent to existing self-storage facility). Close to our wellhead & directly uphill from Soucook River. Requiring a *woody* vegetative buffer (preferable undisturbed or woody shrubs) to keep increased impervious surface areas from harming nearby waters. Make sure Water Works gives opinion about wellhead protection area. Ammy moved to send these comments to the PB. Carol seconded. All in favor with Kevin abstaining.
  - b. **Request from Planning Board:** To have all decisions and discussions written down in our minutes so they will be in PB packets in the future, especially in relation to wetlands & waters.
5. **DES Letters and Applications**
  - a. **Allenstown- Pembroke Bridge # 107/098 on Route 28** Replacing existing bridge which is structurally deficient. No mature vegetation will be cleared. Same footprint to be used.

- b. Anthony Ladds, 594-608 North Pembroke Road** Constructing very long driveway on his property for single family home. Four wetland crossings with culverts. Proposed driveway more than 1000' long. Tier 1 habitat for wildlife in area. Was logged 10+ years ago. Nothing required of us at this time.
- 6. Review and Approve Minutes ~ November 8<sup>th</sup>** Kevin moved to accept as amended, Carol seconded. All in favor.
- 7. Conservation Lands**
  - a. Monitoring Update** Ayn and Kevin monitored Brittany and Gamelin. Carol and Brian monitored Bragfield. Large appliances noted at bottom of hill at Brittany, Public Works was notified in the hope that they would remove.
  - b. Center Hill** Cement slab a potential issue in terms of use.
- 8. Deed Reviews** Several parcels do not have conservation language protecting from possible town development. Some deeds missing. Need to make protections consistent. Need to consult legal to amend deeds.
- 9. Range Roads Signage** Process is stopped over language disagreements. May need to have meeting with all interested parties in order to reach agreement. Need to convey to Town Administrator that we accept the language that Steven Whitley (Legal) wrote.
- 10. Mail and Correspondences** DES water info.
- 11. Adjournment** 9:44pm

NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>