

# Pembroke Conservation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### March 14 2022

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Kevin Foss (PB rep.), Wendy Weisiger, Brian Mrazik.

Absent: Ayn Whytemare (Secretary), Karen Yeaton (BOS Rep.)

Guests: Arron Bencks, Eversource, Matt Arsenault, Stantec

1. **Call to Order** 7:05 pm.
2. **Planning Board Applications:** Eversource is seeking a Special Use Permit for their planned Concord to Bow Line (P145) Rebuild Project. Arron Bencks and Matt Arsenault briefed the CC on the plans for the project, which extends for 12.5 miles across the existing power line corridor in Concord, Pembroke and Bow. Some 160 existing wooden structure will be replaced by 'weathered' steel H-frame structures. The project involves 20 structures over a 2 mile right-of way in Pembroke. The new structures will generally be placed within 10 feet of the original poles. Major vegetation removals are not anticipated. However, the steel structures are expected to be between 12 and 15 feet higher than the existing structures. The project is expected to begin in July 2022 and continue through 2023, with restoration work being undertaken in 2024. Eversource will be working with NH Fish and Game to establish best management practices for the project, which will include rare plant and animal surveys and protection measures. The CC was satisfied with the ongoing and proposed collaboration between Eversource and NHF&G on this project.
3. **Zoning Board Applications:** None
4. **DES Letters/Applications:** Active applications include a wetland (dredge and fill) permit for a driveway on North Pembroke Rd and a timber harvest on 4<sup>th</sup> Range Rd.
5. **Review and approve minutes February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Wendy moved to accept draft minutes as written, Carol seconded. All in favor but Ammy, who abstained.
6. **Conservation Lands**
  - a. **Deed Reviews:** Five parcels have been identified for legal review. Beck and Brittany have no conservation protection provided in their deeds. Ames Brook, Doherty and White Sands have conservation protections stipulated on some portions of the properties, but the status of other portions is uncertain. **ACTION ITEM:** Ammy will contact Town Counsel (Steven Whittley) to initiate reviews of the property deeds and recommend actions.
  - b. **Monitoring Update:** Ayn has completed monitoring of the Ames Brook, Beacon Hill, Clark, Doherty, Merrimack River and Schuett parcels. Annual Monitoring day has been set for Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM at Town Hall. Rain date is April 16. **ACTION ITEM:** Ammy will contact Linda Williams about putting an announcement on the Town website.
7. **Range Roads Signage.** The legal statement concerning applicable Town and State fines for violations has been drafted by David Jodoin in collaboration with Town Counsel and Chief Gilman. Cost estimates to prepare updated overlays for the existing OHRV signs were obtained and MegaPrint in Holderness was selected as the lowest cost. **ACTION ITEM:** Ammy will contact David Jodoin to advise that no overlays are needed to change any dates on the signs and to request that the CC be able to review a "Proof" copy of the overlay from the printer before the order is filled.

## **8. Other Business**

- a. Memberships and Dues:** Carol moved that the CC pay the annual membership fees and/or dues for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. Kevin seconded. All in favor, except for Wendy, who abstained.
- b. NRRC:** Wendy reported that the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), a nonprofit that enables communities to manage their own recycling programs, is hosting their "Annual Compost Bin Sale" which will be conducted throughout April. They will also be hosting composting workshops in May. Details can be obtained on the NRRA website:  
<https://www.nrrarecycles.org>

**9. Mail and Correspondence:** Nothing of significance.

**10. Adjournment:** 8:22PM

NEXT MEETING APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>