

**PEMBROKE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**In attendance:** Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Brian Mrazik (Secretary), Wendy Weisiger, Ayn Whytemare, Tom Gallo

**Absent:** Ammy Heiser (Chair), Kevin Foss (PB Rep), Karen Yeaton (BOS Rep)

**Guests:** Matt Arsenault, Stantec; Elise Ward, Eversource

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

**Planning Board Applications:**

**1. Special Use Permit Applications SUP-AC #23-101, SUP-WP #23-302, and SUP-SP 23-303,** Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. and Eversource Energy, owner of the utility easement along the M108 and G146 transmission lines. The Applicant requests Special Use Permits for utility construction in the Aquifer Conservation District, within wetlands, wetland buffers, and potential vernal pool buffers, and within the shoreland protection district. Matt Arsenault and Elise Ward made a presentation to the CC on the proposed project, which deals with the replacement of 65 existing wooden pole structures with significantly larger weathered-steel structures. This is an extension of previously approved improvements of transmission facilities through the City of Concord and the Towns of Pembroke and Bow. Roads through these easements will require significant improvement, including the permanent placement of gravel along the roadbed. Additionally, 100'x100' gravel work pads will be constructed at each pole location. After completion of the project 60'x30' pads will be left at each of these sites. The project has a planned timeframe extending from early summer of 2023 through spring of 2024. The CC has no comments regarding the environmental protection measures proposed, as they appear to meet or exceed best management practices established for these projects. The CC did request that Eversource install adequate gates and/or other closure devices to ensure that unauthorized vehicles are excluded from portions of the easement that are on Town and private property. Eversource stated that there are no plans to utilize Class VI roads for access to the construction sites.

**2. Minor Subdivision Applications #23-02 and #23-03,** FW Holdings, LLC, owner of Tax Map 266, Lots 85-49 and 85-45 located at 162 and 163 Tina Dr. The Applicant proposes a convert existing two-family homes into condominium ownership. The CC has no comment because no physical changes are proposed for the sites.

**Zoning Board Applications:** None.

**DES Letters and Applications:** None.

**Review and Approve Minutes December 12, 2022 and January 9, 2023:** This action was tabled because a forum of members attending the previous meetings was not present.

## **Conservation Lands:**

**1. Annual Monitoring Day.** The CC set this for April 1, with a rain date of April 2. Ayn requested that this year's effort focus on the clean-up of properties that are most subject to littering and waste-disposal problems.

## **2. Other:**

Carol, Tom and Brian volunteered to monitor the Keniston and Taylor easements during the week of February 19.

Ayn suggested that the CC remove a deer stand with a cable and lock from the Center Hill parcel. She previously tagged this structure with a request that it be removed and no action has been taken by the unknown owner. Wendy advised that legislation is pending at the State level to require landowner permission for the placement of game cameras and that tree stands be removed after hunting season unless permitted by the landowner. The legislation would also require that cameras and tree stands be marked with the owner's name and contact information.

Ayn suggested that the CC have a supply of 'generic' conservation-land signs made (without specific parcel names) that could be used as temporary replacements for signs lost or stolen. These signs would list the use rules and could also be permanently placed at less frequently used entrances to the properties. The CC decided to take this item up at our next meeting.

Wendy reported on a recent meeting of the Meet Me In Suncook Committee (MMISC), where a proposal was made by Girard Tree Service, LLC for vegetation removal to restore views of the Suncook River within the Robert Frost Memorial Park (aka the Girard Conservation Parcel). The work would involve tree removal, selective pruning, and invasive species cutting and disposal. The CC again discussed whether the Park should be under the purview of the Conservation Commission or another town organization, such as Public Works, which currently maintains other park lands. It was also unclear where the funds would come from for the proposed effort. The CC agreed to pursue these issues with David Jodoin. Wendy agreed to attend the next MMISC meeting on March 7, where the proposed work will be further discussed.

**Other Business:** None.

**Mail and Correspondence:** None of significance.

**Adjournment:** By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 20, 2023