

# Pembroke Conservation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023

In attendance: Ammy Heiser (Chair), Carol Bertsimas (Vice), Ayn Whytemare (Temp. Secretary), Wendy Weisiger, Tom Gallo, Brent Edmunds (PB rep), Karen Yeaton (BOS Rep). Potential new member: Erin Insley. Public: Brandy Thomas & Charley Hanson from Resource Management, Hank Amsden. Absent: Brian Mrazik

**1. Call to Order:** 7pm in Person at Pembroke Town Hall

**2. Conservation Lands**

- a. Beck boundary issues:** Hank Amsden, surveyor, presented issues with Beck property lines, boundaries and markers with abutters. Original survey on entire piece of farmland (meaning conservation lands plus the Donna Drive development) done in 1950. In 1980's surveys done to mark out subdivisions. The Beck Conservation Parcel was never surveyed as an individual piece which means we have had to rely on the individual property owner's boundaries, and if a marker goes missing, it can be up to \$2000 in surveying costs to recover it. To survey the entire Beck piece would cost about \$5000. Ayn moved we pay for a survey of the entire Beck Parcel, Ammy seconded. Discussion that it would be practical in the long term to do this because of likely future abutter issues. Karen suggested specifics that the BOS would likely request. Wendy moved that we amend the original motion to define the scope of work to include a recorded survey at the Registry of Deeds, details on monument placement, material etc., as well as stakes/blazes on the longer lines of the parcel, while also putting the survey out to bid. Tom seconded. All in favor of the amendment with Brent Abstaining and Karen not a voting member. The vote on the entire motion was all in favor, with Brent abstaining and Karen not a voting member.
- b. Hillman biosolid application:** Brandy Thomas and Charley Hanson of Resource Management presented a plan for the application of Class B biosolids on the Hillman parcel. They need the permission of the owner of the parcel, the PCC, in order to do so. They have been working with Jay Pritchard, who farms the parcel, and who wishes to continue the applications since it has been beneficial to his harvests in the past. Past applications were Class A biosolids which have a lower pathogen load and which do not require signage of the application to the general public, whereas Class B material does require signage of the application. The material must be certified before application and there are state restrictions of how much can be applied based on what crop is being grown and what the soil test results are. They are usually stockpiled on site over the winter and must be cleared for water and drainage issues before that can take place. The state must be informed of the spreading schedule and DES comes to the site to affirm that guidelines are being followed. Concern expressed over PFAS chemicals and that the town has started an investigation in treating PFAS in our drinking water wells. We should be prepared to answer questions about the application of material with PFAS in the midst of this issue. Mr. Hanson replied that in past application no PFAS has been detected in abutters personal wells, and understands the optics of the issue. He will leave us with material to review and is hoping for an answer by September. Wendy shared that the NRCS recently refused to fund the acquisition of a conservation easement in a agricultural parcel which has had biosolids applied to it in the past. This is potentially devastating for our future plans

regarding Grimes and Gelinas parcels. Wendy will find out more about the reasoning behind the funding refusal.

- c. **Belfry Court dumping violation:** Ammy was contacted by a resident of Belfry Court who is concerned that a neighbor with a hydroseeding business has been dumping material into the wetland that has been home to Blanding's Turtle. Ammy will contact her to get specifics and arrange a site visit.
- d. **Stony Brook Tree:** Elizabeth Giles of 401 Nadine Drive called and is concerned that a large pine that is hung up on other trees will come down on her property. When surveying the parcel Carol and Brian were not convinced the tree is on PCC property and might be on hers. Ammy will call her to see if she knows where her boundary markers are and schedule a site visit with Carol to clarify who is responsible.
- e. **Monitoring Update:** Monitoring Beck has been postponed until this fall when the leaves are down. Stony Brook was done with above tree issue noted.

### 3. Planning Board Applications

- a. Donaghey Tree Farm: Existing lot to be split into three with existing house in middle lot and new lots on either side. All will have frontage on Third Range Road. Each will have own well & septic. No wetland disturbance. Ayn moved to accept without reservations, Tom seconded. All in favor.
- b. Minor change in status of 4 plex on Renarl Ave. in Suncook to Condominiums. No comment.

### 4. Zoning Board Applications None

### 5. DES Letters and Applications None

### 6. Approval of May 8 Minutes Carol moved to accept as written, Brent seconded. All in favor but Ayn who abstained.

### 7. Other Business

- a. **Five Rivers Strategic Planning Meeting** Ayn & Ammy attended and brought back draft maps. Ayn had reservations about how accurate or helpful it would be, Ammy was grateful for the opportunity to share insights with other towns & entities and learn more about the area. The process is in the beginning stages, Ayn suggested to the company doing the data analysis that they take Range Roads into account for recreation which was left out of the initial draft.
- b. **Signs** Ammy called the prison sign shop multiple times but they did not return her call. Megaprint is based in Holderness and Wendy will take a sign up to them to see if we can get a quote for multiple generic signs.
- c. **Range Roads** All are open now, as are all the other towns so the pressure on our roads is lessened.
- d. **New Member** Erin Insley has been a resident of town for 21 years and has a background in Environmental remediation. She uses local range roads often to walk her dog and is looking forward to learning more about the conservation parcels and trails in town. Ayn moved to accept Erin as an alternate member, Carol seconded. All in favor. Ammy will reach out to Linda Williams to get Erin the appropriate paperwork to become official.

### 8. Adjournment Carol moved to adjourn at 9:28pm, Tom seconded.

NEXT MEETING JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>