

TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR January 12, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana MacDonald, Cynthia Weigel, Tilman Lukas,
Kevin Hartzell

Others Present: David Gross

Approved
1-26-17
Cynthia Weigel

1. Review of Minutes: December 8, 2016 Minutes approved.
2. A D George Construction, Inc. Certificate of Compliance reissued due to error in Book and Page No.
3. RDA for 137B Packardville Rd. (Coture) -- was a "negative 3" determination under the Bylaw.
4. Members supported Chair Dana MacDonald's suggestion that two regulations related to Pelham's Bylaw be amended at PCC's Public Meeting scheduled for the end of February. Notice needs to be given in the newspaper; Chair willing to do. The amendments are as follows:
 - a. Certified mail by electronic receipt will be permissible. This is significantly cheaper and easier than the current practice.
 - b. Determinations of Applicability and Permits under the Bylaw will not need to be notarized; the Regulations appear to require notarization at present. The WPA does not require notarization and requiring notarization under our Bylaws is cumbersome.
5. Buffam Brook Community Forest Conservation Restriction ("Community Forest CR") - Chair explained the requirements of the CPA that third parties hold a CR. Pelham's town lawyer has reviewed the Community Forest CR. Commission members unanimously approved the Community Forest CR with the contingency that the following amendment be added to the CR language -
Insert after "official duties" in Section II. A. (6) the following:
"and as set forth in Section II.B. (5) infra."
6. The Groves CR was amended to allow hunting.
7. Discussion of potential new members. Members voted unanimously to recommend that David Gross be appointed a member of the Pelham Conservation Commission. Chair will attend the next Select Board Meeting (January 17, 2017) to request this appointment. David Gross will email the Pelham Town Administrator his interest/willingness to be appointed. Tilman Lukas and Gale Hubley will decide which of them will step down as a full member at this time and consider becoming an Associate Member.
8. Members agreed to request a warrant article, if necessary, that in the absence of three Pelham Conservation Commission Members for a quorum, the presence of an Associate

Member would constitute a quorum and that Associate Member should be allowed to vote in that meeting. Other Commissions in town have adopted similar procedures.

9. Members discussed potential Pemberton land purchase (57 acres) using CPA monies.
10. Open Space Plan and Conservation Agent – PCC will focus its next meeting on these important items. PCC will discuss our Open Space Plan goals as well as steps to obtain a Conservation Agent to assist PCC members. PCC should ask Conservation Agent(s) from other town(s) hours per month needed for our town and the hourly rate.
11. Chair discussed briefly power line replacement on Robinson Rd.
12. Members tentatively scheduled a field visit to the bridge on N. Valley Rd. for Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Chair will confirm that the date/time works for Rick Adamcek and Mark Stinson.