

## TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pelham, Massachusetts

351 Amherst-Pelham Road

Pelham, MA 01002

Minutes of January 26, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dana MacDonald, Cynthia Weigel, Tilman Lukas, Kevin Hartzell, ~~David Gross~~

**Others Present:** DAVID GROSS (KH)

Chairperson Dana MacDonald called the meeting to order and provided an agenda that included:  
Administrative Matters

1. Previous Meeting Minutes,
2. Buffam Brook Community Forest Deed,
3. Open Space Plan Review,
4. Other Business Added By Members

The meeting was opened at 7pm.

### Administrative Matters

#### 1. Minutes

The Chair moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of a Review of January 12, 2017. A review of those minutes included a discussion regarding Item 9 (The Pemberton Property). Pelham Conservation Commission (PCC) Member Lukas noted that the property had been included in a prior Housing Committee meeting regarding its potential for residential development per the draft housing report being prepared by landscape architecture firm Dodson & Flinker. The discussion broadened to town wide buildable lots in relationship to the conservation goals of the PCC. The motion was seconded and the minutes approved.

#### 2. Buffam Brook Community Forest Deed

The Commission Members reviewed the Quitclaim Deed for the transfer of ownership from the Kestrel Trust to the Town of Pelham for the Buffam Brook Community Forest. The Chair explained the process of the community forest grant program. Two copies of the deed were signed by members Weigel, Lukas, and Hartzell, with The Chair's signature taking place before the notary.

#### 3. Open Space Plan

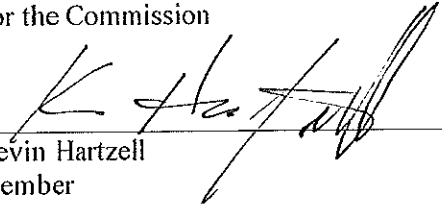
The PCC is working on updating the 2008 Open Space Plan. The PCC revised the 'Chart of Goals and Objectives' and began initial revisions to the 'Actions' section of the plan. Member Weigel recorded the proposed revisions during the discussion and will provide an updated 'Chart of Goals and Objectives' at a future meeting.

#### 4. Other Business added by Members

The basic details for a potential part-time conservation agent were discussed. Member Hartzell and Chairperson Macdonald would contact regional part-time conservation agents in order to better understand how such an arrangement might work for Pelham.

The meeting was closed at 9pm.

For the Commission

  
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Kevin Hartzell  
Member