


TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR March 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana MacDonald, Cynthia Weigel, Tilman Lukas,
David Gross

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Grybko, Chris Hockman

1. Review of Minutes: deferred.
2. 55 Arnold Rd. (Grybko) RDA hearing:
 - a. Filing fee paid and abutters notified. Publication in the Daily Hampshire Gazette on February 27, 2017.
 - b. The site had been previously permitted (Andy Beale) but the permit had expired. The septic is in same place but the house will be smaller than Beale's. Cars will be parked under the deck.
 - c. PCC unanimously approved a "negative 3" determination under the WPA and Bylaw subject to the following two conditions: 1) A concrete pad is to be placed under the deck and 2) Grading is to be stabilized and vegetated before soil and sedimentation controls are removed.
3. Kestrel Trust RDA Extension Request for Invasive Control (Spaulding and Well-Away properties). PCC approved the extension for two years to June 26, 2019.
4. PCC unanimously approved language regarding a Warrant Article for a Conservation Agent: We request that the Select Board accept the recommendations of the PCC to hire a Conservation Agent for about 20 hours per month for \$20/hour not to exceed \$5000 or to take any other action relative thereto.
 - a. The Conservation Agent in Leverett receives \$20/hour; that is the going rate.
5. Pemberton Property Conservation Restriction discussed, including issue of hunting access and history of unsuccessful percs (four times by French). Pembertons successfully appealed to the accessors their land as undevelopable as result of failed percs. The Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") did approve the warrant article regarding the CR but some CPC members believed there was developable land on the Pemberton property and were not in support of a CR.
6. Gayle Hubley's resignation was accepted by the PCC; potential new members discussed.
7. PCC needs to finalize its Open Space Plan and seek to amend its Bylaws this year as soon as time permits.


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