



TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pelham, Massachusetts

351 Amherst-Pelham Road

Pelham, MA 01002

Minutes of August 10, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Hartzell, Dana MacDonald, Cynthia Weigel, David Gross

Others Present: Kathleen Holwell & Gene Tansey, 372 Amherst Rd., Pelham

Chairperson Dana MacDonald called the meeting to order at 705 pm.

1. RDA 366 Amherst Rd., Sharkey Residence

The PCC held a site visit on July 13, 2017 regarding the failure of an existing septic system and investigated the proposed area for relocation. Cold Spring Environmental submitted an RDA on behalf of the homeowner. The commission had a brief discussion regarding the proposed work and plan submission. The discussion was opened for public comment for which the abutting property owners at 372 Amherst Rd, expressed interest in the project as neighbors and to understand the process in the event their septic system needs to be replaced. Further discussion covered the type of system, soil excavation and fill in relation to the wetland limit, and site stabilization.

A motion was made that the work associated with the replacement and relocation of a failed septic system be a Negative 3 Determination subject to 4 additional Orders of Conditions. The motion was seconded and all were in favor of the motion.

2. Hiring Conservation Agent/ Employment Description Review

The PCC reviewed the draft employment description. Revisions and amendments were made to the draft and a motion was made to accept the position description as amended. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. The PCC discussed the duration of the agent position advertisement, hiring timeline, and process. The advertisement will be in the Daily Hampshire Gazette until 8/31/2017. The PCC chair may narrow down the applicants leading to an executive session for interviews at the 9/14/2017 conservation commission meeting.

3. 45 Butterhill Rd. Garage, Porter/Crawford Residence

A site visit to 45 Butterhill Rd by the PCC was scheduled. The owners would like to add a garage to their property. The commission reviewed an Advisory Assessment letter from 2001 that addressed the property owner's interest in a garage at that time and its relation to a regulated resource area. Chairperson MacDonald and member Gross will visit the property.

4. Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2017 approved

Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2017 approved with revisions

Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2017 approved with revisions

Other Business Added by Members:

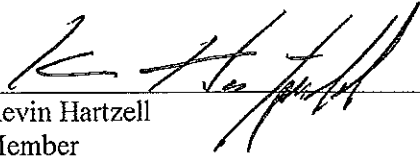
The PCC reviewed the Priority Habitats and Estimated Habitats map dated 8/1/2017. The PCC reviewed the changes in the polygons relative to the 2008 map. Chairperson MacDonald will ask the state for a report on the changes.

Member Gross and member Weigel will review the Open Space Plan for consistency between goals and narrative. The subcommittee is to have a draft for the Sept. 14 meeting.

The PCC will need to review the draft management guidelines (developed by Kestrel) for the Pemberton property conservation land prior to the public meeting on October 26th. The review date is tentatively scheduled for the October 12th. Chairperson MacDonald will contact Kestrel Trust to confirm the draft review at the October 12th commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14.

For the Commission



Kevin Hartzell
Member