



**Pembroke Open Space Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of  
May 20, 2021  
PACTV Virtual Meeting Room**

*Disclosure: These minutes are not verbatim – they are the secretary's interpretation of what took place at the meeting.  
All materials presented during this meeting are available in the Pembroke Conservation Commission office.  
Open Meeting Law, G.L.c. 30A § 22.*

**Members present:** Michael McDonough, Chair; Denise Moraski, Clerk; Ronald Boidi, Pembroke Conservation Commission Liaison; Tracy Marino, Member; Julie Slys, Member; Debbie Schneider, Member, William Chenard Town of Pembroke, Jim Rassman, State Forrester

**Staff present:** Melissa Joyce, Conservation Administrative Agent

**Not Present:** Robert Clarke, Jr, Member

**Minutes:** The minutes from 1/ 21 tabled till next meeting

**Conservation Commission Liaison Report:** Small tree planting of Black walnut and cedar trees planted this week. Tubbs Meadow dog waste cleanup a success, new one will be planned in near future. Boy scouts camping out 5/22 Lage property. Troup 105 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Will work on fence removal.

**New Business:** William Chenard: will orchestrate tear down of Lage house, rough grade, will recommend \$50K for rental of equipment, use of DPW employees etc.  
Discussed Receipts Reserved account for Lage Property. Similar to revolving account fund. Fees for use of property, Community Garden plots, fee for Boy Scouts etc. Needs to be voted on and established by Concom. Ron will ask at next meeting. Needs to be approved at Town Meeting Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.  
Discussed Town of Natick's Community Garden plots. They charged \$25-175 per plot, compost was provided, rain barrels and even town water. He will send over Natick's plots and info.

Jim Rassman, State Forrester

Walked Veteran's Forest on School Street. Mainly a White Pine forest, he did not see many problems. Trails are in great shape, some hazard trees. Invasive honeysuckle, rose, bittersweet. Some Erosion. He strongly suggests getting the Science department of the school involved. Not an easy property to get machinery in. J.J. Shephard Memorial Forest has multiple layers of trees of various ages. Black birch, oak, pine, hickory, great bird habitat with evidence of previous harvesting. Easier forest to get machinery in for Management program. He recommended looking into Carbon Sequestration Assistance which is a program to get credit for managing mature forests.

Webinars available for forest management plans for managing bird/plant habitats and forest resiliency.

**Ongoing Business:**

June 22 Town meeting for CPC funds.

Tree City USA Schools will get a tree for planting. Tracey working with Art Edgerton on this.

Trail Stewardship – google questionnaire – a check off list for trees down? Dog waste? Overgrown areas etc. Tracey and Deb will monitor emails. 2 families will be assigned each trail.

Lage Property meeting on Sunday, June 13 to map out Community Garden plots, ADA plots etc.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by Denise Moraski, clerk