



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BARRINGTON EARLY CHILD LEARNING CENTER  
77 RAMSDELL LANE  
BARRINGTON, NH**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chair  
Pam Failing, Vice Chair  
Anne Melvin, Alternate

**ABSENT:** Clayton Carl, Alternate  
Peter Sandin  
Glenn Gould

**GUESTS:** None

**STAFF:** Gregory M. Jones, Transcriptionist

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of January 9, 2012 to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

Chair J. Wallace confirmed the presence of members as stated above

**2. GUESTS**

There were no guests this evening.

**3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**A. Conservation Commission Minutes of November 28, 2011**

Vice-Chair P. Failing motioned to table the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of November 28, 2011 to the Commissions next meeting. A. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3), to zero (0) in favor.

**B. Conservation Commission Minutes of December 19, 2011**

Vice-Chair P. Failing motioned to approve the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of December 19, 2011 as amended. A. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3), to zero (0) in favor.

**4. COMPLAINTS**

There were no complaints at this time.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Purchase of Leahy land (abuts SATWaSR): 42 acres: need for appraisal**

Wallace reminded the Commission that at its last meeting on December 19, 2011, Heath Appraisal Services (14 Everett Street, Manchester, NH 03104-2462) was selected to complete the appraisal work for this project. Wallace reminded the Commission that after contacting Heath Appraisal Services, he was advised that either a restricted-use summary at the cost of \$800.00 or a summary appraisal at the cost of \$1,800.00 would be sufficient for the purposes of the Commission relative to this project. At the December meeting the Commission decided to pursue whichever appraisal he deemed appropriate.

Wallace informed the Commission that the landowner has indicated reserve for the proposed \$800.00 restricted-use summary directed Heath Appraisals to start on the comprehensive summary appraisal at the cost of \$1800.00. The Commission had no issues with pursuing the summary appraisal at the cost of \$1,800.00.

**B. George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass**

Wallace reminded the Commission that at its last meeting on December 19, 2011, the Calef Revocable Trust submitted an application requesting that the Commission utilize conservation funds for an update to an existing appraisal of a 300 acre parcel of land abutting the Isinglass River. Wallace reminded that the estimated cost of appraisal would be \$3,000.00 and that Mr. Calef expressed interest in absorbing half of the cost of the appraisal. The Commission voted in the affirmative to expend conservation funds for the purchase of fifty (50) percent of the cost of the update of an appraisal for the 300 acre Calef property up to \$2,000.00. Wallace informed the Commission that the appraisal work is underway.

**C. Fluvial Erosion Hazard Overlay District Zoning (Anne)**

A. Melvin informed the Commission that the Planning Board has recently voted in the affirmative to WITHDRAW the proposed Fluvial Erosion Hazard (FEH) Overlay District from consideration in the upcoming Warrant Article. Melvin informed the members further that the Planning Board has voted in the affirmative to place the definitions for Fluvial Erosion and Fluvial Erosion Hazard on the upcoming Warrant Article.

**D. Standard Dredge and Fill application – Jack Bingham, Scruton Pond Rd**

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Wallace directed the members to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Wetlands Bureau Standard Dredge and Fill application from Jack Bingham. The application is for the installation of a photovoltaic tower to provide solar energy to a home on Scruton Pond Road. The tower is to be installed within a prime-wetland. After a review of the application, the Commission found there to be no reason not to support the project as minimal impact will occur with proper installation. The Commission agreed that they will not ask that a public hearing in Concord be required for this project.

**A. Melvin motioned to empower the Chair to generate a formal letter to the DES Wetlands Bureau to indicate the Commissions support for the project. The letter will indicate that the Commission does not feel a public hearing is required. Vice-Chair P. Failing seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3), to zero (0) in favor.**

#### **E. Changing meeting day?**

The Commission discussed the possibility is changing its regular meeting day and possibly location to allow for the possibility of receiving a Board of Selectmen liaison. A final determination is pending.

#### **F. Town Conservation priorities, updating town co-occurrence map**

Wallace informed the Commission that the Town Conservation priorities project and update of the town-co-occurrence map is moving forward. Wallace informed the Commission that he will be sending further information to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) and will be receiving a new shape-file and map shortly thereafter.

#### **G. SATWaSR Stewardship**

Wallace informed the Commission that the project is on-going and will have further updates at the Commissions next scheduled meeting.

#### **H. Town report: due Jan 11, 2012**

Wallace informed the Commission that he has submitted a final version of the Commissions Town Report section to Town Hall in preparation for the January 11, 2012 deadline.

#### ***I. Light - wetlands application with letter from BCC has gone to DES***

Wallace informed the Commission that a letter from the Conservation Commission in support of the Light wetlands application has been sent.

#### **J. White Crest Conservation easement deed contains errors (with town counsel)**

Wallace informed the Commission that the issue with deed language is progressing and further updates will be forthcoming.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Web site\**

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No updates on this issue were available at this time.

## **B. Planning Board updates**

Wallace informed the Commission of current projects before the Planning Board.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Hike/Snow-shoe on SATWaSR, Jan 29**

#### **B. DES:**

##### *i. Letter to Peoples Bank – Wetlands violation on Coachmen Estates*

Wallace directed the Board to a letter from DES to Peoples Bank relative to a wetland violation which is occurring on a property at their Coachmen Estates development.

##### *ii. Stevens (Edgewater Lane) – restoration complete*

Wallace informed the Commission that a letter from DES was received which indicated that restoration activities are complete.

##### *iii. Possible shoreland violation, Pearl Lane*

Wallace informed the Commission that a letter from DES relative to a possible shoreland violation at a property on Pearl Lane was received.

### **C. HB1515 – bill to stop LUCT money from going to conservation fund**

Wallace informed the Commission of a House Bill which proposed to redirect Land Use Change Tax funds from the New Hampshire municipal conservation funds and to the municipal general fund.

### **D. SRC Currents**

### **E. Shoreland Protection talk in Rochester, Jan 11 at 7:00**

Wallace informed the Commission of a presentation on Shoreland Protection to be held in Rochester on January 11, 2012 at 7:00.

## **8. EASEMENTS**

### **A. Gerrior easement – notes from Sievert**

Wallace informed the Commission that the Town Road Agent will be inspecting the Gerrior Subdivision roadway in preparation for possible roadway acceptance by the Selectmen. Wallace informed the Commission further that the project's engineer has been in contact with the Town Planner stating that the developer does not wish to merge the lots in Phase #2 of the project and will be submitting an amended subdivision plan to change the lot configuration of Phase #2. Sievert informed the Planner and Commission that this re-configuration may have positive impacts to the Gerrior conservation easement and may allow for expansion of said easement. Sievert requested that the required monumentation of the conservation easement be temporarily delayed.

**B. Remediation of SATWaSR violation**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Natural Heritage Committee**

Nothing to report

**B. Other meetings – Town Forest Task Force, SATWaSR Stewardship group, BOSC, IRLAC, Water Resources, ORWA, Cochecho River WA, etc.**

Nothing to report at this time.

**10. MINUTES OF TOWN BOARDS**

**A. Selectmen: 10/17 & 10/24**

Nothing to report

**B. Planning Board**

Nothing to report

**C. ZBA**

Nothing to report

**D. NHC**

Nothing to report

**11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next scheduled meeting of the Barrington Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Early Childhood Learning Center.

**Vice-Chair P. Failing motioned to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of November 28, 2011 at 8:30 p.m. A. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory M. Jones  
Transcriptionist