



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
105 RAMSDELL LANE  
BARRINGTON, NH**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chair  
Pam Failing, Vice-Chair  
Clayton Carl  
Anne Melvin  
Ken Grossman, Alternate

**ABSENT:** Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Glenn Gould  
Ken Grossman, Alternate

**GUESTS:** None

**STAFF:** Greg Jones, Transcriptionist

**NOTE: THESE ARE SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES ONLY. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE MEETING AUDIO IS AVAILABLE A THE LAND USE DEPARTMENT.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair J. Wallace called the meeting of June 7, 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 we no guests at this time.

### **3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

#### **A. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2012**

**C. Carl made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2012 as amended. Vice-Chair P. Failing seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

#### **B. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2012**

**C. Carl made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2012. Vice-Chair P. Failing seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

#### **C. Conservation Commission Non-Public Session Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2012**

**Vice-Chair P. Failing made a motion to table the Conservation Commission Non-Public Session Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2012. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

### **4. COMPLAINTS**

There were no complaints

### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Purchase of Leahy land (abuts SATWaSR): 42 acres**

Chair Wallace informed the Commission that the appraisal is still pending.

#### **B. George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass – WRP Submitted**

Chair Wallace informed the Commission that a Wetland Reserve Program permit from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has been submitted in order to seek funding for the protection of a 300 acre parcel of land abutting the Isinglass River.

#### **C. New co-occurrence map. Need more revision? What to do with it?**

Chair J. Wallace presented the town co-occurrence map for review. After some discussion, the Commission agreed that the map should be incorporated into the future Master Plan update process scheduled to begin during August of 2012.

#### **D. SATWaSR Management Plan – Need more revisions – What to do with it?**

Chair J. Wallace asked that the members continue to review the management plan and submit recommendations for future revisions. The Board agreed that a forestry management chapter should be incorporated into the plan and suitable land for a trail network should be identified.

### **E. Anne, Clayton, Glenn to become full commissioners, Ken Alternate - status?**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that member A. Melvin and member C. Carl were affirmed as full members by the Board of Selectmen. Additionally, K. Grossman has been affirmed as an alternate member.

### **F. McMaster driveway violation and after-the-fact granting of permit by PB**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that a recent application was, in fact, available for review prior to the Planning Board's deliberation on a Special Use Permit for a driveway within the wetland buffer. A drafted memo has therefore been withdrawn from submission.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Planning Board updates**

#### **i. Village Place**

Chair J. Wallace informed members that the Village Place 64 lot Conservation Subdivision will be presenting revised plans to the Planning Board on June 12, 2012 and urged members to attend if possible. The Commission reviewed the new materials and past correspondence from July and August of 2011. Upon review, the Commission empowered Chair J. Wallace to speak on their behalf at the June meeting. Inquiries and recommendations to be made are as follows:

- Recommend installing construction fencing at the on-site wetland buffer boundary prior to ground disturbance to ensure against buffer impacts during construction.
- Inquire as to the build ability of lots containing prime wetland buffer in relation to the existing steep slopes on these lots.
- Recommend removing lots from Prime Wetland Buffer to provide adequate protection of this on-site resource indefinitely.
- Recommend designing project so as to eliminate the need for Special Use Permit for driveways in wetland buffers which will presumably occur with several proposed lots. As the project is at the planning stage, all configuration options are available for the applicant to avoid such impacts and reduce the need for Special Use Permits.

#### **ii. Proposed Gravel pit, Greenhill Rd along Isinglass (consultation)**

No updates are currently available for this project.

#### **iii. Master Plan update?**

After some discussion, the members agreed that there is a need for input from both the Conservation Commission and Natural Heritage Committee for the upcoming Master Plan Update tentatively scheduled for August, 2012.

### **B. Website update and hosting (Glenn)**

Chair J. Wallace recommended the discussion be informally tabled to a time when Gould is present. The Commission agreed to table the item to a later meeting.

**C. Report on “Saving Special Places” – Anne Melvin**

A. Melvin presented members with a synopsis of a portion of the Saving Special Place workshop pertaining to design and construction of trail networks on conservation lands. Members agreed that the information will be beneficial for future trail building endeavors.

**D. Lamprey River floodplain maps being updated – others will come**

Chair J. Wallace presented members with a synopsis of a recent meeting for a project funded by the Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology (CICEET) in cooperation with several consultants, UNH Stormwater Center, Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space, Antioch University New England, and the UNH Cooperative Extension pertaining to assessing the Risk of 100-year Freshwater Floods in the Lamprey River Watershed Resulting from Changes in Climate and Land Use.

**E. Update on USA Springs**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission of a meeting at Nottingham Town Hall pertaining to the USA Springs project. Issues with this project are ongoing.

**F. Do we meet July 5<sup>th</sup>?**

Chair J. Wallace stated that he will send out a request regarding member availability for July 5, 2012.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. DES**

There was correspondence from NHDES at this time.

**B. Hike behind middle school – June 10**

Chair J. Wallace offered the members and guest a synopsis of a past hike/letter box event which will place on the trail systems behind the Middle School on June 10, 2012.

**8. EASEMENTS**

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

Chair J. Wallace stated that progress is being made with this project.

**B. Schulz/Carbone easement amendment**

Chair J. Wallace informed members that the easement deed has never been officially signed by the Strafford Rivers Conservancy (SRC), the intended Executor easement holder. Wallace stated that the SRC has requested a Current Conditions Report before entertaining the possibility of holding said executor interest.

Wallace informed the Commission that town legal counsel has expressed some concerns regarding the rights of access to the property and is currently investigating that issue. Additionally, legal counsel has asked the Commission to submit an opinion regarding the need for an executor over this easement as it is approximately three (3) acres.

After some discussion, the Commission agreed to empower the Chair to seek a cost estimate for a Current Conditions Report for the conservation easement in question.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Natural Heritage Committee**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Natural Heritage Meeting met on May 4, 2012 and offered a brief synopsis of the meetings proceedings.

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

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the upcoming ORLAC meeting has been cancelled.

## **10. MINUTES OF TOWN BOARDS**

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **B. Planning Board**

Chair J. Wallace presented the Planning Board minutes from the month of May, 2012 for review.

### **C. ZBA**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **D. NHC**

There was nothing to report at this time.

## **11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next scheduled meeting of the Barrington Conservation Commission is scheduled for June 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Barrington Public Library.

**C. Carl made a motion to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of June 7, 2012 at 9:40 p.m. A. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory M. Jones  
Transcriptionist