

Barrington Conservation Commission
Barrington Public Library

Tuesday October 30, 2012
7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Clayton Carl
Anne Melvin
Ken Grossman, Alternate

ABSENT: Pam Failing, Vice-Chair
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair J. Wallace called the meeting of September 20th, 2012 to order at 7:04.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

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

GUESTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of Oct 18

Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of October 18th as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

2. Complaints:

An unpermitted culvert on Marsh Road (class 6 road) was brought to the attention of John Wallace. One concern is that the culvert is causing flooding on adjacent land. After reviewing pictures taken by Peter Cook, it was mentioned that there does appear to be the need for a culvert and/or road improvement, but this particular installation was not by permit. John Wallace has notified the Wetlands Bureau. It was suggested that Peter Cook or John Scruton approach the landowners (possibly a road association of homeowners) to look into the issue. John Wallace, Marcia Gasses, and Peter Cook will view the site.

3. Old Business.

- A. SAT WaSR management plan meeting - results of Oct 23 meeting
 - i. "Seed" money from conservation fund for forest management?

Ken Grossman has provided a written summary of the SATWaSR meeting.

John Wallace stated that his hope is that the town could recoup a little money from a forestry operation that would pay back the Conservation Fund and possibly pay for a more complete forest management plan in the future.

At the SATWaSR meeting Greg Jordan indicated that he thought a preliminary plan could work.

Clayton Carl made a motion to expend money up to \$1,000 for a preliminary forest management plan and that Charlie Moreno, consulting forester, be authorized to conduct this preliminary study. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Ken Grossman will contact the Forest Society regarding rules and restrictions on a management plan.

B. Purchase of Leahy land (abuts SATWaSR): 42 acres, appraised value \$63,000
John Wallace received receipt of conservation application from the Davis Conservation Foundation.

C. George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass
WRP application submitted
There is no news.

D. Web site
Mentioned was the issue of getting agendas, minutes, and other information posted in a timely manner. John Wallace will contact Glen Gould to see if he is able to facilitate working on the web site.

4. New Business

A. Revised wetland permit for Turbocam
This is on hold until the Conservation Commission is able to review the plans.

B. Planning Board updates
i. Wetland buffer impact, Cedar Creek (Rivers Edge subdivision)
This is on hold until the Conservation Commission gets more information.

ii. Conditional Use Permits: need to revise system? Look at what nearby towns do
John Wallace did hear from a few surrounding towns, but nothing mentioned was very different from what is currently done here. Ken suggested contacting the State Association of Conservation Commissions to see what they recommend for advising the Conservation Commission on this issue. John Wallace will follow up on this suggestion.

iii. Possible amendments to zoning and subdivision:
John Wallace noted that in a conservation subdivision the requirement is to have a 100 foot setback buffer around the lot, and he is recommending that this buffer should be excluded from the open space calculation.

It was also pointed out that in a conservation subdivision it is possible to end up with more lots than in a conventional subdivision. John Wallace is recommending a cap on the number of lots to what would otherwise be permitted. There was discussion regarding how allowing public access to open space in a subdivision increases the number of lots allowed. Again, it was suggested this bonus be removed.

Ken Grossman made a motion to submit to the Planning Board changes to the zoning ordinances as outlined by John Wallace. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

There was discussion of what the definition of bona fide conservation commission is. It was pointed out that a landowners group would not constitute a defined conservation commission. Also discussed was resident access to conservation land.

Ken Grossman made a motion to submit to the Planning Board changes to the subdivision regulations as outlined by John Wallace. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

iv. Trinity Conservation gravel pit, Greenhill Rd - Wood Turtle habitat
John Wallace was contacted by Kim Tuttle, who suggested that rather than reclaim the gravel pit completely, 5-10 acres be left unreclaimed for turtle habitat. The Conservation Commission is in agreement to have John Wallace present this recommendation to the Planning Board.

Rossiter land: 3.6 acres off of Rte 202/Swains Rd., interested in selling

John Wallace was unable to find more information online regarding legal access to this lot. Issues regarding this lot will be brought up to The Natural Heritage Committee in order to get its recommendation. At the Nov 29th meeting it will be discussed whether to expend money to have a letter of opinion from a realtor as to the assessed value.

5. Announcements/correspondence:

- A. NHACC meeting Nov. 3 John Wallace, Anne Melvin, and Clayton Carl will be attending.
- B. Addressing Nitrogen Issues in Great Bay, three-part series Nov 1, 8, 15
- C. Application for funding from Davis Foundation received (for Leahy)

6. Easements

- A. White Crest Conservation easement deed contains errors (with Rochester)
- B. Schulz/Carbone easement amendment - do we want to include "Amendment" clause? John Wallace did speak to Mike Carbone, but has yet to hear back from Mr. Carbone on whether or not he supports the amendment.
- C. Lakeview Estates easement problems: mowing continues, graveled path. Letter from the town attorney has gone out asking the landowners to take corrective action. There was a discussion as to the compliance of the easement.
- D. Warren done Monitoring has been done on both the Warren and Borodavchuk easements.

7. Committee reports

- A. Natural Heritage Committee
- B. Other meetings – Town Forest Task Force, LRLAC, ORLAC, IRLAC, Water Resources, ORWA, Cochecho River WA, etc.

8. Minutes of Town Boards

- A. Selectmen:
- B. Planning Board:
- C. ZBA
- D. NHC

9. Next scheduled meeting: The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for November 29th.

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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