

Barrington Conservation Commission  
February 21, 2013 7:00 PM  
Barrington Public Library

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of February 21, 2013 to order at 7:00.

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

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

- 1) Guests
  - a) Cilia Bannenberg: ordinance to protect Isinglass (warrant article on ballot)  
Ms. Bannenberg and neighbors shared the warrant article that will be voted on. She expressed concerns about loss of wildlife habitat, chemical spillage, and loss of property value. There was discussion about the passage of a rights based ordinance, and it was questioned if this could be a zoning ordinance. Ken Grossman also wondered about a possible array of measures to protect the river.  
**Clayton Carl made a motion to support the passage of warrant article 28, which reads: Shall the town of Barrington establish a committee to draft an ordinance to protect the Isinglass River. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 2) Approval of minutes of February 7, 2013  
**Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2013 as amended by John Wallace. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Old Business

- a) Purchase of Leahy land (abuts SATWaSR): 42 acres, appraised value \$63,000  
John Wallace indicated that Portsmouth has committed a contribution of \$5,000, and he has shared this information with Madbury. John Wallace would like to move forward with a discussion of the purchase of the Leahy property and expects to meet with the Selectmen on this issue.  
Bafflin Foundation: It is expected that the Bafflin Foundation will consider the application for a contribution in May.
  - b) George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass  
The WRP application has been submitted. The Trust for Public Lands is getting involved, and John Wallace will be meeting with TPL next week. Ken Grossman will be contacting Chris Wells to ascertain if the Forest Society is interested in participating in this easement.
  - c) Larenas Land (100 acres, Kelliher Rd.)
  - d) Rossiter land: 3.6 acres off of Rte 202/Swains Rd., interested in selling
  - e) Update on SATWaSR forest management: John Wallace met with Charlie Moreno and someone from the NRCS regarding funding. Indications are that this funding looks promising.
  - f) Update trail book: John Wallace communicated with Jim Schultz about updating the trail book, and Mr. Schultz was positive about this. There was discussion about the landowners' agreement granting use of the trails.
  - g) Web site: There was discussion about transferring the upkeep of the web site to Glenn Gould.
- 5) New Business
- a) DOT: wants input on replacing culvert for Caldwell Brook under Rte 4  
The BCC received communication from the DOT asking for input regarding the replacement of a culvert on Route 4. John Wallace will communicate to the DOT that Caldwell Brook flows into the Oyster River, he suspects purple loosestrife in the area, and the sites proximity to SATWaSR.
  - b) Pam: report on NHANRS conference Pam Failing will share at the next BCC meeting.
  - c) Signs for big trees There was discussion of marking Barrington's big trees with signs. John Wallace suggested marking the Bigtooth Aspen in Goodwill. The cost is fifty dollars per tree.  
**Anne Melvin made a motion to take \$50 out of the education line item, in the interest of public education, to purchase a sign to mark the Bigtooth Aspen at Goodwill. Clayton Carl seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - d) Intents to cut: There is an intent to cut permit of approximately four acres requested on 2<sup>nd</sup> Crown Point Road. John Wallace will be researching this to see if there are prime wetlands involved.

- e) John Wallace received an email from the Land and Water Conservation Fund stating the following: The Land and Water Conservation Fund is set to expire in 2015, and must be reauthorized by Congress. We are asking for your support in signing on to a letter to be sent to New Hampshire's legislators.  
**Ken Grossman made a motion to add the BCC signature to the letter supporting funding of the LWCF. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 6) Announcements/correspondence
  - a) A caller contacted John Wallace stating that he has purchased the USA Springs property and is interested in possibly putting the Barrington portion of this property into conservation easement. John Wallace has sent him information on conservation easements.
  - b)The Forest Society sent a letter noting that it has completed its annual monitoring of the Chase property on Hall Road. It noted no problems.
  - c)DES: no correspondence
  - d)Saving Special Places conference, April 6 John Wallace and Anne Melvin will attend this conference.
  - e)NH Water & Watershed Conference, March 22 John Wallace and Anne Melvin will attend this conference.
  - f)January 2013 "Granite Tides" (Coastal Cons Assoc newsletter)
- 7) Easements
  - a) Easement monitoring: \$2200 in town budget upon approval of the budget
  - b) White Crest Conservation easement deed contains errors (with Rochester) John Wallace has spoken with Marcia Gasses about this.
  - c) Schulz/Carbone easement amendment John Wallace contacted Mike Carbone but has not yet heard back.
  - d) Lakeview Estates and Rivers Edge easement problems: Ken Grossman spoke to Sam Reed regarding possible legal action on the Lakeview easement issue. There could be follow up as to whether it's worth paying legal fees to get an opinion. Related to the Rivers Edge easement, Marcia Gasses and Tom Abbott will be raising the issue of easement violations with the parties concerned.
- 8) Committee reports
- 9) Minutes of Town Boards
- 10)Next scheduled meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is March 7, 2013.  
**Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. Clayton Carl 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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