

Barrington Conservation Commission  
March 28, 2013 7:00 PM  
Early Childhood Learning Center

MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chair  
Anne Melvin  
Ken Grossman

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of March 28, 2013 to order at 7:00.

- 1) Delegation of voting members Chair J. Wallace confirmed the presence of members as stated above.
- 2) A moment of silence in memory of Clayton Carl was observed. It was noted that in honor of Clayton Carl the BCC received a card of sympathy from the Strafford Regional Planning Commission.
- 3) Guests Jason White, JP Ventures LLC: Request for after-fact permission for well on Rivers Edge easement

Jason White was present to speak about the well located on Lot 10 Cedar Creek. He shared his reasons for requesting an after the fact permission for well, these being that the installation of a new well would have a more adverse environmental impact than keeping the existing well, and the present well tested as having good water quality and a new well could be impacted by contaminants from the superfund site.

**John Wallace made a motion that a memo from the BCC accepting the request for the well to remain be sent to the selectmen. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**

Jason White stated that the pile of dirt on the easement has been removed. Ken Grossman suggested that Jason White and the landowners get written permission for the well from all proper authorities involved. John Wallace reminded Mr. White that the homeowners should notify the Conservation Commission when the transfer to a homeowners association takes place.

4) Approval of minutes of March 7, 2013

**Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of March 7, 2013 as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**

5) Public Hearing: Use conservation fund money, along with outside funding, to purchase Leahy Property (Tax map 254 lot 21) and add it to the Samuel A Tamposi Water Supply conservation easement.

The map of the Leahy property was shared, and there was discussion of the purchase price (\$63,000) and anticipated contributions toward the purchase. John Wallace stated that Portsmouth has pledged \$5,000, Madbury \$2,500, and The Fields Pond Foundation \$5,000. The Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (\$5,000) was also mentioned as sources of funding. John Wallace expects that he will hear in May regarding the request for \$10,000 from The Bafflin Foundation. With incidental expenses the total cost of the acquisition should be approximately \$70,000 - \$72,000, and the cost to the Conservation Fund should be about \$50,000 - \$54,000. Since the funds come from the Conservation Fund there will be no effect on the tax rate. It was mentioned that this area will be open to recreation as it will be part of SATWaSR. Anne Melvin pointed out the need for a completed forest management plan before major trail work is done. Also mentioned was that the Natural Resource Conservation Service might help with the funding of the forest management plan. There was a question about possibly involving the UNH forestry program as support for developing the management plan.

The hearing was opened for public comment. All comments received were in favor of the purchase of the land by the town.

**Anne Melvin made a motion to support the purchase and conservation of the Leahy property. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0).**

John Wallace pointed out that there is an additional 4 acres that are part of same lot as SATWaSR, but currently not part of the conservation easement. If the selectmen approve it, there will need to be a public meeting for adding this parcel to the conservation easement.

6) Complaints - none

7) Old Business

- a) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) Ken Grossman volunteered to be on a subcommittee for establishing by laws.
- b) Wetland/buffer markers (Anne) Anne Melvin will have the question of wetland/buffer markers put on the planning board agenda. John Wallace wondered if this would have to go into subdivision and or site plan regulations.

- c) George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass  
The option agreement is being drawn up by the Trust for Public Land.
  - d) Larenas Land (100 acres, Kelliher Rd.) no news
  - e) Rossiter land: 3.6 acres off of Rte 202/Swains Rd., interested in selling  
No news
  - f) Update trail book – Strafford Rivers indicated they might be rearranging the trails at Stonehouse. There was discussion about which trails need maintenance. Ken Grossman will contact the Boy Scouts about the possibility of having scouts help with trail maintenance, and it was mentioned that volunteers are needed to help with both updating trail guides and trail work.
  - g) Web site - no news John Wallace will be contacting Glen Gould.
- 8) New Business
- a) Form committee to investigate ordinances to further protect the Isinglass River  
The Selectmen have decided that the Isinglass River Committee should report to the Conservation Commission, and the BCC has been given the responsibility of overseeing the appointment of committee members. Ken Grossman suggested posting a notice that the committee will be meeting and open to membership. Cilia Bannenberg shared names of people that would like to be on the committee, and there was discussion about the optimal number that might be in the group. It was decided that those in attendance should go ahead and start organizing a committee, with alternate Thursdays set as meeting times.
  - b) Selectmen request update/review of land conservation John Wallace will be meeting with the Selectmen to update them on the status of conservation easements in town.
  - c) Barry Conservation 4-H Camp - sponsor a camper?  
It was decided that this should not come out of the conservation fund and there will be no further action on this request. There was discussion as to the possibility of having a warrant article in the future for 100% from current use payments to go to the conservation fund.
  - d) Report on NH Water & Watershed Conference, March 22 (Anne and John)  
This was tabled until the next meeting.
  - e) Dues for NHACC and NHANRS memberships  
**Anne Melvin made a motion to pay dues for NHACC membership. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
- Ken Grossman made a motion to pay dues for NHANRS membership. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed uananimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
- f) Intents to cut: none

- g) Jones and Beach engineers request amendment to dredge and fill permit for Turbocam. It was determined the Conservation Commission will take no action on this request, but will let DES deal with it.
- 9) Announcements/correspondence
  - Ken Grossman had a message that the level of LCHIP funding has been restored to what the governor was requesting.
  - a) DES:
  - b) State Senator David Watters will attend our 4/4 meeting
  - c) Town and City
  - d) Strafford County Conservation District annual report
  - e) Saving Special Places conference, April 6 Anne Melvin will be attending.
- 10) Easements
  - a) Easement monitoring: \$2200 in town budget
  - b) White Crest Conservation easement deed contains errors (with Rochester)
  - c) Schulz/Carbone easement amendment
  - d) Lakeview Estates easement problems: John Wallace will consult with the owner/abutter when snow goes.
- 11) Committee reports
- 12) Next scheduled meeting: April 4, 2013

**Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi

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