

Barrington Conservation Commission
April 4, 2013 7:00 PM
Barrington Public Library`

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 April 4, 2013 to order at 7:00.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Chair J. Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above.

1) Guests

a) State Senator David Watters Senator Watters introduced himself to the group and spoke of his interest in conservation, and in particular LCHIP funding. Senator Watters shared some of the environmental/conservation issues (storm water and wastewater, climate adaptation, historic preservation) before the Senate and answered questions from the group.

Pam Failing joined the group at 7:08.

b) Ben Hanley - Eagle Scout project Ideas were shared about possible projects and sites. Ben will consider the options and share his final plans with the BCC at a later meeting.

2) Approval of minutes of March 28, 2013

Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of March 28, 2013 as amended. 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) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) – Ken Grossman anticipates having a draft of by laws for the next meeting.

- b) Wetland/buffer markers (Anne) Anne Melvin is researching how other towns have incorporated the markers into the approval process. It was suggested that the markers should be placed at the buffer boundary, and the marker requirement preferably would be in subdivision regulations rather than in zoning.
 - c) George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass
John Wallace was in contact with Sue Knight of the NRCS and understands that there is no new money coming into Wetland Reserve Program for this year. Different areas of possible funding were discussed.
 - d) Barry Conservation 4-H Camp - sponsor a camper? It is not possible to use the conservation fund for this purpose.
 - e) Larenas Land (100 acres, Kelliher Rd.) There is no further development.
 - f) Rossiter land: 3.6 acres off of Rte 202/Swains Rd., interested in selling There is no further development.
 - g) Update trail book: Dennis Beaulieu has updated the guides for the Loop Trail and the Barrington Trail and is willing to work on the one for the Kids of the River property. John Wallace has started preliminary work on the SATWaSR trails.
 - h) Web site: Marcia Gasses has contacted Glen Gould with ideas for updating the web site.
- 5) New Business
- a) Schedule public hearing for addition of “little’ parcel” to SATWaSR easement
Ken Grossman made a motion to schedule a public hearing on May 2nd for the “little parcel” to be made part of- the SATWaSR easement. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.
 - b) New members? Ken Grossman has contacted the Better Barrington Group to publicize the opening on the Conservation Commission.
 - c) Selectmen meeting April 15th: John Wallace will be attending the Selectmen’s meeting on April 15th to update and review the status of land conservation. The Conservation Commission discussed land conservation goals for the future.
 - d) Report on NH Water & Watershed Conference, March 22 (Anne and John)
John Wallace stated some of the topics covered were climate change as it relates to land use, town development using GIS, and non-point nitrogen.
 - e) Intents to cut: Wesley Pierce, map 263 lot 23 (abuts SATWaSR & Leahy) There are no prime wetlands at this site, so no further action is required.
- 6) Announcements/correspondence
- a) DES:
 - b) Saving Special Places conference, April 6 Anne Melvin and John Wallace will attend.

Anne Melvin and John Wallace were at the Planning Board meeting. It was stated at this meeting that a plan is being considered by the developer that would have truck traffic entering and exiting the pit going only east to Route 125.

7) Easements

- a) Easement monitoring: \$2200 in town budget this will be discussed at a future meeting.
- b) White Crest Conservation easement deed contains errors (with Rochester)
- c) Schulz/Carbone easement amendment John Wallace will be calling Mike Carbone.
- d) Lakeview Estates easement problems: John Wallace will consult with the owner/abutter.

8) Committee reports

9) Next scheduled meeting: April 18, 2013

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28. Pam Failing 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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