

Barrington Conservation Commission
November 21, 2013 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: John Wallace,
Pam Failing (arrived at 8:05)
Ken Grossman
Anne Melvin
Marika Wilde, Alternate
Alison Desmarais, Alternate
Julia Guimond, Alternate

ABSENT: Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

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

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Chair John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above. Pam Failing joined the group at 8:05 .

- 1) Guests:
 - a) Cilia Bannenberg, Barrington Waterways Protection Committee (formerly Isinglass Protection Committee): warrant article for rights-based ordinance (to be heard at 8PM) This was postponed until the December 5th BCC meeting.
 - 2) Approval of minutes of Oct 3, Oct 17, Nov 7 This was covered later in the meeting after Pam Failing arrived.
 - 3) Complaints: none
 - 4) Old Business:
 - a) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass. \$100,000 in funding from DES ARM fund secured Matt Carpenter (from Fish and Game) sent John an email stating that Fish and Game is checking to see if they have money available to put toward the purchase. John expressed hope that there might be money coming from the Moose Plate Grant funds. There was discussion and review of amounts committed from various groups. A new appraisal is being done by TPL.

- b) Wilde/Johnson easement: ~10 acres near Mallego Brook As noted at a previous meeting (Nov. 7), Anna Boudreau of Strafford Rivers Conservancy said that SRC is considering backing out as a secondary holder of the easement because of the Selectmen's position on mandating public access. John said he interprets public access as meaning the land will not be posted. John will contact Anna Boudreau and suggest that the language read 'that the land shall not be posted against public access', as opposed to 'mandated public access'. The BCC also expressed concern that SRC cannot complete the steps involved before the end of the year. John stated a secondary easement holder is not necessary. Alison questioned if it is possible to have a secondary easement holder added later, and John said he thinks it could be an option to have a secondary holder added as an amendment at a later date.
 - c) Treasurer's report - status of Stewardship fund (Pam) Pam is waiting to meet with Peter Royce and Carolyn Berryment.
 - d) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken) This will be covered at a later meeting.
 - e) Addition of Leahy property to SATWaSR: FINISHED!!! This has been recorded at Strafford County Registry of Deeds. John will contact the Bafflin Foundation to let them know this has been completed. He has contacted other contributors.
 - f) Conservation Plan The BCC previously decided to use the Henniker Conservation Plan as a protocol. Ken shared some thoughts on educating the public as to what the Conservation Commission does and some of the rules and regulations relating to conservation. He mentioned the possibility of a short educational presentation before the walks done for Getting to Know the Barrington Trails. John thinks it would be helpful to distill the Conservation Plan from the Natural Resources Inventory to have the Conservation Plan becomes a working document.
 - g) Steering committee for Master Plan: The Steering Committee is organizing and planning for the community event in the spring.
- 5) New Business:
- a) Planning Board
 - i) Proposed conservation subdivision, Ramsdell Dr: There is nothing new on this proposal.
 - ii) Tropic Star (gas station): There are no new developments.
 - iii) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). \$2000 still owed to stewardship fund. This will be continued to January. Alison asked about hunting being allowed on the Gerrior conservation easement and Mendum's Landing. John explained that the question of allowing hunting is left to the landowner if there is no language addressing this in the easement. He believes this might be the situation with both the Gerrior and Mendum's Landing easements.

iv) Thunder Road subdivision: This is not yet before the Planning Board. Pam questioned if it was necessary for the developer to redelineate the wetlands and mark the wetland buffer. The Planning Board has not yet determined this.

Pam Failing arrived at 8:05 and approval of minutes was covered.

Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3 as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.

Ken Grossman made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17 as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.

Approval of the November 7 minutes will be taken up at the Dec. 5 meeting.

- b) Intents to cut: none
- c) Reports from NHACC meeting: Anne, Alison, Julia had attended. Julia and Alison received NHACC handbooks for referencing rules and regulations regarding conservation commissions. Some of the workshops attended were: changes in the shoreland protection act, river reconstruction after erosion, the importance of young forests for species diversity, conservation education, and low impact development. There was discussion about how to educate people regarding building in flood areas. Alison also brought up the need to get young people involved in conservation and nature, and she suggested one way to do this is through social media. It was also mentioned that press coverage before and after conservation events should be encouraged.
John shared that the Winnie the Pooh trail is coming along, and he's anticipating an official trail opening in the spring.
- 6) Announcements/correspondence: Saturday April 5 is the date for the Saving Special Places conference.
 - a) DES: Trinity Conservation (Gravel Pit): DES has inspected the wetlands restoration in progress and indicated it is going fine and DES will inspect it again in the spring.
 - b) NHANRS quarterly meeting, Dec 5 Pam will be attending the meeting Dec. 5th and also the Fish and Wildlife/Army Corp of Engineers presentation for wetland classification and it's relationship to functional assessment. The winter botany presentation is Dec. 7 and some members might be attending.
 - c) SRC wants a renewal

Ken Grossman made a motion to pay the customary fee for Strafford Rivers Conservancy annual dues. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

7) Easements:

- a) Easement monitoring: Warren/Kane, Coachman Estates completed. John will be checking to see who is responsible for the maintenance of the drainage basins at Coachman Estates. Hambel/Dolmat? Pam has offered to accompany Glenn to do the Hambel/Dolmat easement.
- 8) Committee reports:
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: Dec 5, 2013. Meetings are also scheduled for December 19 and January 2.

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30. 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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