

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission
January 16, 2014 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing
Ken Grossman
Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative
Marika Wilde, Alternate
Julia Guimond, Alternate
Alison Desmarais, Alternate

ABSENT: Anne Melvin
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of January 16, 2014 to order at 7:00.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Chair John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above, and Julia Guimond was appointed as a voting member for this meeting.

- 1) Guests: Mark West: Ramsdell subdivision wetland
Mark West reviewed the plans for the Ramsdell subdivision showing a 14 lot layout with approximately 26 acres designated as open space. There is a small stream to be crossed at the site of an existing culvert. A longer culvert would be installed, with the impact upstream and downstream of this culvert. There is under 100,000 square feet of disturbance for the roadway so an alteration of terrain permit is not required. Mr. West stated there would be 2,056 square feet of wetland impact. It was also pointed out that in order to meet the requirements for the crossing the watershed

has to be less than 200 acres, and Mr. West estimates the watershed to be under 15 acres.

Ken Grossman made a motion to authorize John Wallace to sign the copies for minimum expedited permit. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

A question of permitting public access to the open space was brought up. Since there is not a bonus with this subdivision it is not required to have public access. The open space will be in a deed restriction, not a conservation easement. Mr. West will be in touch with Mike Garrepy regarding the question of public access.

2) Approval of minutes of Dec 19

Ken Grossman made a motion to table the approval of the December 19 minutes until the next meeting. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

3) Complaints: none

4) Old Business:

a) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass

John will be meeting with Jeremy Lougee, Gregg Caporossi and a representative from Fish and Game regarding the placement of a parking lot to allow for public access. The total area of the Calef property is still to be settled. Pam asked about the property line along the class VI portion of the Town Farm Road and how this would impact access.

Ken graciously invited the group (Sunday, 1/26) to meet at his house for a walk to view the southern part of the Calef property. John will find out more about class VI roads and what Dave Vincent's surveying might show regarding the property lines.

b) Brookwood Shores property There are no updates.

c) Treasurer's report - status of Stewardship fund (Pam) This will be covered at a future meeting.

d) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken)

Ken Grossman made a motion to table consideration of the by laws until the next meeting. Pam seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

- e) Conservation Plan There are no new developments.
- f) Goals for 2014
 - i) conservation plan
 - ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
 - iii) Update trails booklet
 - iv) Tamposi property Fred mentioned following through with the forestry management plan and cutting for rabbit habitat. Also there needs to be discussion of and plans for parking.
 - v) discussion of and finalizing plans for how easements are set up regarding deeding it to homeowners association. There have been issues with the homeowners association going out of existence after a period of time.

5) New Business:

- a) Put BWPC warrant article on web site? Ken stressed that if the rights based ordinance goes on the website it should be noted that it is not endorsed by the BCC or the Selectmen.

Fred Bussiere made a motion to put the ordinance on the website with a disclaimer stating that the BCC did not take a position on this, and the Selectmen did not (5-0) endorse it. Julia Guimond seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

b) Planning Board

- i) Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision This was covered at the beginning of meeting.
- ii) River's Peak (formerly Thunder Road) subdivision This has been sent out for town engineers review.
- iii) Tropic Star (gas station): This has also been sent out for town engineers review.
- iv) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). \$2000 still owed to stewardship fund. This did not come up at the last planning board.

v) Vote to seal minutes of non-public sessions of May 17 2012 & July 18 2013

Pam Failing made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of May 17, 2012 and July 18, 2013. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

vi) Intents to cut: none

vii) Announcements/correspondence:

a. Received monitoring report for Chase easement from SPNHF
The report stated there are no problems.

b. Received \$5000 from City of Portsmouth towards Leahy project

c. Green Eggs 'n New HAM-shire breakfast, Jan 29

viii) Easements:

Easement monitoring: Pam Failing will be writing up the Dolmat easement report.

ix) Committee reports: none

x) Next scheduled meeting: Feb 6

xi) Marika asked how the town would like to archive Natural Heritage/Conservation Commission old photos and press releases. John stated there is also a question of how and where easement monitoring records could be stored. John will write a memo to John Scruton and cc this to Fred asking how the town would like to deal with this. Fred will bring this up with the Selectmen.

Fred Bussiere made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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