

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission
February 20, 2014 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice Chair
Alison Desmarais, Alternate

ABSENT: Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative
Julia Guimond, Alternate
Ken Grossman
Marika Wilde, Alternate
Anne Melvin
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of February 20, 2014 to order at 7:00.

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

1) Approval of minutes of Feb 6

Pam Failing made a motion to accept the minutes of February 6, as amended. Alison Desmarias seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) zero (0) in favor.

2) Complaints: none

3) Old Business:

- a. Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass There are no new developments
- b. Brookwood Shores property No news
- c. Renna property: share cost of forester? This parcel abuts SATWaSR and could possibly in the future become part SATWaSR. The owner has expressed an interest in having the property logged. John Wallace suggested using a forester to assure proper management and logging.

Following discussion with the landowner, it was proposed that perhaps the town could share the cost of a forester with the landowner with the understanding (and a legally binding contract) that if the town does not in the future conserve the land the town's share of the cost of the forester would be refunded. It was decided to discuss this further when more of the CC group is present. There was discussion about the costs the CC incurs when an easement is put into place. Pam brought up that in the future there might be exploration of how the costs are shared with the landowner depending on how the easement is acquired.

- d. Treasurer's report - status of Stewardship fund (Pam) Pam met with Caroline Berryment and shared with the CC how the accounting is done. Pam has requested that every six months she receive a copy of the accounting ledger to cross check billing and receipts for the CC. It was suggested that the CC treasurer write a memo to Caroline every time a financial transaction takes place, and this memo would state the purpose of the transaction. Pam reported that there is currently \$379,142 in the Conservation Fund, including the stewardship fund.
- e. BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken) This will be covered at a later meeting.
- f. Green Snow Pro, Jere Calef (Ken) This will be covered at a later meeting.
- g. Conservation Plan
- h. Letter from Strafford County Conservation District about collaboration This can be taken off the agenda, but can be revisited in the future if needed.
- i. Goals for 2014
 - i. conservation plan
 - ii. propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
 - iii. Update trails booklet
 - iv. Access/parking for SATWaSR from Rout 125

4) New Business:

Anne Melvin joined the group at 8:25

- a. NHANRS dues \$20, NHACC dues \$310

Alison Desmarais made a motion to pay the NHANRS dues of \$20.00

Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Alison Desmarais made a motion to pay NHACC dues of \$310.00. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

- b. Steve Kittredge - wants to dictate the history of Richardson Pond

Marika Wilde joined the group at 8:35 Marika and Alison will be following up with Mr. Kittredge to write this history. It was suggested that Mr. Kittredge make an outline to follow prior to meeting with Alison and Marika.

- c. Sign on Goodwill Conservation Area The CC had received \$100 from Carolyn Goodwill to improve the sign. It was stated that the DOT will not allow any sign in the state right of way. Moving the Goodwill sign is an issue that will be revisited in the future. John will check with Peter Cook as to what the right of way is.
- d. Planning Board
 - i. Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision nothing new
 - ii. River's Peak (formerly Thunder Road) subdivision nothing new
 - iii. Tropic Star (gas station): nothing new
 - iv. Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). \$1000 still owed to stewardship fund.
 - v. Huff storage (Colonial Way) adding storage facility http://www.barrington.nh.gov/Pages/BarringtonNH_PlanningZoningApps/Map%20220/Lot%2031 Huff storage wants to add another storage facility. It is early in the permitting process, and the group can revisit this in the future if needed.
 - vi. Barrington Community Profile, April 11 & 12
- e. Intents to cut: none

5) Announcements/correspondence:

- a. John received the survey for Oyster River Management Plan. He will be filling out the survey for this as it relates to SATWaSR.
- b. Moonlight hike on Town Forest was very successful
- c. Strafford Rivers Conservancy Outreach programs (postcard)
- d. Saving Special Places conference, April 5 Marika and John will be attending. Pam hopes to attend, as does Anne.

6) Easements:

- a. Easement monitoring John Wallace recused himself from this discussion, and Pam Failing, as vice chair, took over.

Anne Melvin made a motion that John Wallace do the easement monitoring. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

John Wallace rejoined the group.

7) Committee reports:

8) Next scheduled meeting: Mar 6

Pam Failing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30. Anne Melvin 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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