

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

April 3, 2014 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

**PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chair  
Julia Guimond, Alternate  
Alison Desmarais, Alternate  
Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative

**ABSENT:** Pam Failing, Vice Chair  
Anne Melvin  
Marika Wilde, Alternate  
Ken Grossman  
Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Glenn Gould, Alternate

### CALL TO ORDER

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

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** Chair John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above. **Anne and Marika joined the group at 8:00.**

- 1) Guests: none
- 2) Approval of minutes of March 20 **Alison Desmarais made a motion to accept the minutes of March 20 as amended. Julia Guimond seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Conservation Projects:
    - i) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass  
Greg Caporossi mentioned to John that The Trust for Public Lands lawyer has been in contact with Mr. Calef's lawyer and all is proceeding.
    - ii) Brookwood Shores property no news
    - iii) Renna property The decision is to wait and see what the reassessed value is.
  - b) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken) This will be covered at a later meeting.

- c) Green Snow Pro, Jere Calef (Ken) This will be covered at a later meeting.
  - d) Steve Kittredge's report on History of Richardson Pond Dam It was suggested that the Historical Society might be a more appropriate group to work with Mr. Kittredge, and Marika will encourage him to get in touch with the Historical Society.
  - e) Village Place easement John is anticipating the easement will be formalized with a stipulation for the well.
  - f) Barrington Community Garden There are plans to have possibly a dozen plots with raised beds behind Calef's General Store.
  - g) Goals for 2014
    - i) conservation plan: It was decided that the Conservation Commission can use the google doc as a working document with additions made, but no editing, and it will be available to the public but not linked to from the website. A conservation plan meeting will be scheduled, via email, after CC members have posted material to the document.
    - ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
    - iii) Update trails booklet
    - iv) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125 Charlie Moreno has mentioned to John that possible areas for cutting to provide rabbit habitat appear to have young growth, and therefore Charlie does not anticipate much timber value from the cutting. Where this cutting is would also determine the probable location for a parking area off Route 125. The hope is that there could be grant money left over to provide for a forest management plan for SATWaSR.
- 2) New Business:
- a) Wilhelm property - 7.2 acres in middle of SATWaSR Fred suggested a negotiation with the property owner. **Alison Desmarais made a motion that the Conservation Commission finds that this parcel of land is important to the integrity of SATWaSR, and the Conservation Commission asks that the Selectmen use their judgment in using funds from the Conservation Commission fund to purchase the property and have it added to SATWaSR as part of the conservation easement. Julia Guimond seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.** Fred suggested John write a letter to the abutter of the parcel, stating that we are in the process of acquiring the Wilhelm property and asking if s/he might be interested in selling or donating his/her property to the Conservation Commission.
  - b) Planning Board
    - i) Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision no news
    - ii) River's Peak (formerly Thunder Road) subdivision no news
    - iii) Tropic Star (gas station):

- 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%202220/Lot%2031/](http://www.barrington.nh.gov/Pages/BarringtonNH_PlanningZoningApps/Map%202220/Lot%2031/)
  - c) New England Stewardship Network - meeting report (John) The Stewardship Network is providing a central hub on the internet for volunteer opportunities and training. This also includes getting interns for short projects. John will forward the information on this to the CC members.
  - d) Barrington Community Profile, April 11 & 12
  - e) Treasurer's report (Pam) The CC did get a bill from the Regional Planning Commission to contribute toward funding for the management plan for the Oyster River Corridor. This had been voted on at a previous CC meeting, and John sent a letter authorizing payment of \$500.
  - f) Intents to cut: Fred suggested that John check to make sure that letters regarding cutting regulations are going out with intent to cut permits.
- 3) Announcements/correspondence: - (Anne and Marika joined the group).
- a) DES ARM funding now available - \$150,000 available for Salmon Falls Watershed
  - b) LCHIP Grant round opens April 14
  - c) Saving Special Places conference, April 5
  - d) Town Forest & "Hiking the White Mountains" Slide Show with Ray Turmelle (Marika)
  - e) Bird walk on Warren Farm, May 31
  - f) Turbocam met with John and Charlie Moreno regarding a red pine stand on the Route 125 Turbocam property easement. There is a concern that an invasive insect, red pine scale, could infest the pine stand, and Turbocam was seeking input on the best management practice for this. Charlie Moreno suggested that the red pine stand be cut now since the timber value will be greatly diminished if the pines succumb to the scale. This would be consistent with the easement.
  - g) NHANRS has a wetland delineation workshop on May 2.
  - h) Big tree meeting: Alison and John attended a meeting of the county big tree group. There will be a brochure coming out for big trees in NH.
- 4) Easements:
- a) Easement monitoring
- 5) Committee reports:
- 6) Next scheduled meeting: April 17

**Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi

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