

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

May 1, 2014 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

**PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chairman  
Julia Guimond, Alternate (left at 8:30)  
Pam Failing, Vice Chair  
Alison Desmarais, Alternate

**ABSENT:** Anne Melvin (joined at 8:20)  
Marika Wilde, Alternate (joined at 8:20)  
Ken Grossman  
Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative  
Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Glenn Gould, Alternate

### CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of May 1, 2014 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Guests: none
- 2) Approval of minutes of April 17  
**Pam Failing made a motion to accept the minutes of April 17 as amended. Julia Guimond seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Conservation Projects:
    - i) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass No new developments
    - ii) Brookwood Shores property No new developments

- iii) Renna property John shared an email from Elaine Renna stating her asking price of \$55,000 for the (approx. 35 acre) property The group discussed the offer and decided to do a property walk. John will discuss the offer with Fred Bussiere, and there will be further discussion at another meeting. As part of the discussion of conserving certain parcels of land, it was suggested that Charlie [Tatham](#), as a member of the Natural Heritage Committee, join a BCC meeting to give input.
- iv) Wilhelm property - vote on expending \$7200 from the conservation fund John expects this to be closed on soon.
- v) Monfet property – The owner has expressed an interest in selling the property. John estimated the piece to be about 5.2 acres, and the group discussed offering about \$1,000 per acre. Pam reminded the group about the efficacy of putting the added pieces into the SATWaSR easement together. There was also discussion about properties being held as matches for easement grants.
- b) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken) This will be covered at a future meeting.
- c) Goals for 2014
  - i) conservation plan: attorney's discussion of google docs, schedule time for next meeting? John has added to Google doc.
  - ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
  - iii) Update trails booklet Alison brought up the possibility of a UNH student intern working on trails.
  - iv) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125

Pam shared that she met with Don Keirstead, and he reminded her that the work -on the SATWaSR rabbit habitat needs to be completed this summer. It was brought up that the BCC needs to let Charlie Moreno know of the time frame for completing the work. Pam offered to help with the work, and there was discussion of the possibility of having a UNH student intern assist Charlie.

## 5) New Business:

### a) Planning Board

Standard dredge and fill permit for Gorman, Scruton Pond Road. This permit is for a driveway crossing and would impact approx. 1225 square feet. The group reviewed and discussed the plans. From the information provided it appears that there is minimum impact, however the map does not clearly delineate the wetland boundary, and the group concurred with John that a more detailed map outlining the wetlands would be helpful. **Pam Failing made a motion that after review of the dredge and fill application for the Gorman property as prepared by Geometres Blue Hills, LLC, the BCC recommends signing the application**

**for the applicant. Julia Guimond seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0 in favor.**

**Anne and Marika joined the group.**

- i) Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision Nothing new
- ii) River's Peak (formerly Thunder Road) subdivision Nothing new
- iii) McManus (Merry Hill Rd) lot line revision The plan was reviewed and the BCC indicated no concerns.
- iv) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). \$1000 still owed to stewardship fund. There will be further discussion when this comes before the Planning Board. Alison shared that there is a 10 acre parcel for sale that abuts the Gerrior easement.
- v) Huff storage (Colonial Way) adding storage facility  
[http://www.barrington.nh.gov/Pages/BarringtonNH\\_PlanningZoningApps/Ma%20220/Lot%2031/](http://www.barrington.nh.gov/Pages/BarringtonNH_PlanningZoningApps/Ma%20220/Lot%2031/) No new developments
- vi) American Legion building, Redemption Way Pam Failing recused herself from the BCC to present the conceptual site plans. This 5 acre property abuts Turbocam on Route 9, and the driveway enters off Redemption Way. John shared a concern with the ability of turtles to traverse the site with buildings on it. Alison wondered about the number of parking spaces provided and if they could support the possible number of visitors, and how this relates to the amount of impervious surface area. Pam explained that the plan is to phase the project in, with phase one being the development of a small recreation area.  
Pam rejoined the BCC after sharing the plans.
- vii) Alison shared ideas for internship. This is through the UNH cooperative extension. Some ideas discussed were construction of a trail on Newhall property, cleaning up trash on SATWaSR (off Sherborne Drive), trail markings, updating the trail booklet, or updating an existing nature trail (Town Forest) or making a new one (Pooh Trail). John mentioned that any work involving trails should go through the town Trails Committee. Alison will contact Charlie Tatham before submitting an application for an intern. There was also discussion on whether Charlie Moreno might be able to use an intern to help on the SATWaSR rabbit project.
- b) Reports on Saving Special Places meeting (Anne, John, Marika, Pam) Tabled until next meeting.
- c) Report on Welcome letter/packet to town (Pam) This will be covered at another meeting.
- d) Bat house for Goodwill? John has a large bat house, and the group discussed the possibility of putting this up at the Goodwill easement.

- e) Treasurer's report (Pam) Pam noted that a \$500 payment went through to Strafford Regional Planning Commission for the Oyster River Management Plan. She stated that, with interest, the BCC account has \$378,796.
- f) Intents to cut: none
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
  - a) Town Forest & "Hiking the White Mountains" Slide Show with Ray Turmelle, May 2&3
  - b) Bird walk on Warren Farm, May 31 @ 7:30 AM
- 7) Easements:
  - a) Easement monitoring John went with Steve Walker from the state and they briefly covered the LCIP properties - the Boodey, Warren, and Schulz easements. A representative from the state needs to visit these every 3-5 years. Steve said that the reports he produced can meet the requirements for monitoring these properties this year. John recused himself from the discussion of whether further monitoring is needed. Pam wondered if there had been any issues in the past with these easements. John mentioned that when there are new owners it's nice to have them become familiar with the monitoring process, and he has done this in the past with the Warren and Schulz properties. Since these three properties have been visited, and not had problems with compliance in the past, it was agreed that these three not be done again this year. John rejoined the group.
- 8) Committee reports: none
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: May 15

**Pam Failing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50. Alison Desmarais 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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