

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission  
July 17, 2014 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chairman  
Pam Failing, Vice Chair  
Anne Melvin  
Marika Wilde, Alternate  
Ken Grossman  
Alison Desmarais, Alternate

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

### CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of July 17, 2014 to order at 7:00.

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** Chair John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above and designated Marika as a voting member.

- 1) Guests: none
- 2) Approval of minutes of June 19, July 3  
**Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of June 19 as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**  
  
**Pam Failing made a motion to accept the minutes of July 3 as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Old Business

- Conservation Projects:
  - i) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass. Need for area for town vehicles to turn around John shared that the boundary and title issues are straightened out. The NRCS will redo its survey, and based on this the Trust for Public Lands will do a reappraisal.
  - ii) Brookwood Shores property no development
  - iii) Renna property – owner has accepted tentative offer
 

**Ken Grossman made a motion that John present the proposal for purchase of the Renna property, as outlined below, to the selectmen. Anne Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

The offer is for \$43,550 with the following conditions: 1. The BCC would have to get selectmen approval for this 2. The BCC would have to raise at least \$8,350 (the increase over \$35,000) from grants, etc. 3. The title of the land will need to clear without any serious issues.
  - iv) Wilhelm property the town has taken title of this property.
  - v) Monfet property the owner has accepted the offer of \$1000/acre.
  - vi) Cook property Peter Cook has made a tentative offer to the town for purchase of the property he would like to have conserved. John has arranged a meeting with Southeast Land Trust, himself, and Peter to explore possibilities for funding, for easement holder, etc.
- BCC by laws: lawyer’s comments this will be covered at a later meeting.
- Goals for 2014
  - i) conservation plan: Pam is working on this
  - ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
    - (1) Revision of wetland buffer special use permit process (John, Pam)
 

There was discussion about items for possible revisions to zoning ordinances or standards for procedure. Ken suggested that it’s not just revising the wetland buffer special use permit, but it’s also changing the whole ordinance. Another possible item was requiring permanent markers to delineate the wetland buffers. It was also brought up that in a subdivision of 4 or more lots, it might be required that a certain amount of the open space be upland. Mention was also made that zoning should not allow for the creation of lots that allow for building that violates zoning regulations.
    - (2) Aquifer overlay district (Ken) This will be continued.
  - iii) Update trails booklet This could be in conjunction with the Trails Committee.
  - iv) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125

5) New Business:

- Planning Board

- i) Carbaugh subdivision The initial proposal for the driveway would impact both the river and the wetland buffer. The plans have changed so that now the driveway is not impacting the river, but it is through a wetland buffer and close to the wetland. At the PB meeting Mr. Berry shared a letter from an abutting landowner explaining that the upper portion of the driveway cannot be shared as it is already a right of way. Pam attended the PB meeting and spoke to the issue of allowing the creation of lots that would then have building impact on wetland buffers. There is a site walk scheduled.
  - ii) Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision An alteration of terrain permit is in process.
  - iii) River's Peak subdivision: received conditional approval; signs for undisturbed buffer areas?; reclamation plan for gravel pit? An alteration of terrain permit is in process.
  - iv) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). \$1000 still owed to stewardship fund. Continued to August
  - v) Cullen Woods subdivision (Smoke St): site walk to take place at 5:30 on July 21. It was mentioned that the proposed open space is entirely in wetland.
  - vi) **220-18-GR-14-SR (Stephen M. Flynn)** Request by the applicant for a Site Review and 3.4 Conditional Use Permit to open a Powder Coating home business with capacity to machine custom small parts with CNC mill machine on a 1.1 acre: This was approved by the PB.
  - vii) **206-20-GR-14-SUB/LL (Dawn & Douglas Hatch)** Request by the applicant for a Boundary Line Adjustment, Waivers and a 3 lot Subdivision on a 12.9 acre lot on Second Crown Point Road and Pond Hill Road (Map 206, Lot 20) in the General Residential Zoning District: This was conditionally approved by PB. The BCC has made a request for wetland buffer delineation during construction and for permanent wetland buffer markers after construction.
  - viii) Schedule joint meeting to discuss issues John will put out a memo to the PB requesting a joint meeting.
    - (1) Procedure to notify applicants of CC discussion
    - (2) How would PB like to receive CC recommendations?
- SATWaSR habitat –Charlie Moreno indicated that he has been delineating the areas to be patch cut; he hopes the logging operation will take place in November. The plan is to clearcut 7 areas, totaling ~60 acres.
  - Report on Saving Special Places meeting (Marika)  
Marika shared information from the session From Clearcut to Wildlife Hotspot. The summary point was that clearcuts are important to a forest by providing for wildlife and vegetative diversity as succession occurs. Diversity contributes to woodland health.

Marika's second workshop was on Ethics in Conservation. This workshop covered land ethics and community, bringing in writings and quotes from Aldo Leopold. Marika stated that this was a fascinating workshop. There was a brief discussion on ethics needing to be taught, and how this relates to educating about the environment and land ethics.

- Report on NH Method workshop (John) John had attended this workshop. In the NH Method there are 12 criteria used for evaluating wetlands, each criteria independent of the others. There was discussion of the benefit of this document in evaluating wetlands and how it could be used by the BCC/town.
- Report on Welcome letter/packet to town (Pam) to be continued
- Treasurer's report (Pam)
- Ken attended workshop on invasive species and suggested the road agent should be involved as the invaders seem to be coming up along roadsides. A second workshop Ken attended was sponsored by the NH Conservation Commission and the Kingston Conservation Commission. The workshop explained a school project where students spend a day doing a pond study and conservation is integrated into the curriculum. Ken also mentioned an idea for a photo contest highlighting nature/conservation pictures. Pam attended two talks by Fish and Game. One dealt with how climate change will affect wildlife, and the other was on a reptile and amphibian reporting system for the state.

6) Announcements/correspondence:

- DES: none

7) Easements:

- Easement monitoring: Whitney/Prantiss completed

8) Next scheduled meeting: July 31 (John will be absent)

**Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi