

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission
October 2, 2014 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

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

ABSENT: Julia Guimond, Alternate
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 October 2, 2014 to order at 7:05.

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

- 1) Public hearing: Tree cutting along Canaan Back Rd (Scenic Road)
- 2) Guests: Phil Boodey, Bob Berner, Regional Arborist for PSNH
Mr. Berner reminded the group that Canaan Back Road is a Scenic Road and therefore PSNH requests BCC approval for tree cutting. He explained the cutting to be done and that abutters have been notified. Members of the BCC have done a site walk and at the previous meeting indicated no concerns with the cutting. Pam expressed concerns with erosion and asked about leaving root mass. Mr. Berner said that normally cuts are made as close to the ground as possible to avoid tripping hazards, but the root mass would be left. Mr. Boodey asked about the appearance of the cutting once completed, and Mr. Berner responded that the cutting on Canaan Back Road would be a more conservative cutting and trees and limbs not designated as failure prone would be left.

Pam Failing made a motion that given the sight walk and the opportunity for a public meeting, the BCC concurs with the proposed work as presented on Canaan Back Road. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

- 3) Approval of minutes of Sept. 18

Pam Failing made a motion to accept the minutes of September 18 as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

4) Complaints: Pig farm, manure storage on Sloper Rd.

A resident on Sloper Road had expressed concern with a nearby lot where pigs were being kept and manure stored and its proximity to the Mohawk River. The NH Dept. of Agriculture had been in contact with the owners about best management practices. This issue appears to have been resolved. Pam asked about the protocol for addressing concerns with animals near a waterway, and John suggested having the NH Dept. of Agriculture talk with the animal owners as a first step.

5) Old Business

a) Conservation Projects:

- i) Calef Isinglass property: ~300.7 acres along Isinglass. John is working on baseline documentation for LCHIP. Based on the new survey a new appraisal was done, and it came in \$50,000 less than the original appraisal. John noted that with funding and designated money from the town there is still a shortage of \$50,000 for the purchase.

Pam Failing made a motion to authorize an additional \$50,000, if needed, from the Conservation Fund for the completion of this project. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

- ii) Brookwood Shores property. There are no updates.

- iii) Renna property – Funding applications have gone out, and \$1000 was pledged from the Oyster River Watershed Association.

- iv) Monfet property – purchase is in progress

- v) Cook property. Will not qualify for federal funding; other options being explored.

- vi) John Barr property. John was in contact with Mr. Barr's daughter (current owner) about getting landowners permission for trail work on the Barrington Trail. While she did not grant permission for trail work at this time, she did express an interest in conserving the property, which is approximately 60-70 acres with about half a mile along the Isinglass. John has passed this information on to TPL.

- vii) SATWaSR habitat improvement: Need to increase authorization from the conservation fund for SATWaSR road construction and forester expenses from up to \$26,000 to up to \$35,000; expect full remuneration from NRCS and/or timber sales. The Selectmen have expressed agreement with this. Pam wondered what the road management fee is for. John stated it could be for outside sourcing since there is a deadline and NRCS would not be able to do the work within the time frame.

Anne Melvin made a motion to increase authorization from the Conservation Fund for SATWaSR road construction and forester expenses from up to \$26,000 to up to \$35,000 with expectation of full remuneration from NRCS and/or timber sales.

Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

b) Goals for 2014

- i) conservation plan:

- ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. It has gone to the PB for review.

(1) Revision of wetland buffer special use permit process (Ken)

(2) Aquifer overlay district (Ken)

- iii) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125. This is being planned as part of the habitat improvement project.

- 6) New Business:
 - a) Planning Board
 - i) Recommendations about zoning changes sent to PB
 - ii) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). Request by applicant to present a Section 9.6 application for Special Permit for Construction in wetland buffer, Subdivide and create 10 lots, construct approximately 990LF of roadway, a shared driveway and realign a portion of Saint Matthews Drive located on Gerrior Lane and Saint Matthews Drive (Map 268, Lots 1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 & 1.5). \$1000 still owed to stewardship fund. **Continued to Nov 4** John mentioned that the application for the 9.6 is incomplete and lacks detail.
 - iii) Turbocam new building: 234-1.5-V-14-SR (Applicant: Turbocam, Owner Town of Barrington) Request by applicant to present a Design Review for the purpose of constructing a 34,880 s.f. commercial building on a 3 acre lot located on Redemption Road (Map 234, Lot 1.5) in the Village (V) Zoning District. Application includes a 9.6 application for impacts to a wetland buffer. (478')
Pam pointed out that the planned roads are well into the side setbacks, and it appears that there will be infrastructure on the adjoining town property lot. In summary, concerns are the possible compromise of the perched wetland by digging into the buffer and access to the recreational lot being compromised by infrastructure. **Continued to Oct. 21**
 - b) Report on wetland permitting workshop (John) Marc Jacobs was the presenter. Marc reminded those in attendance that for a standard wetland application conservation commissions can request a 40 day hold to allow for further review, any work being done in a man-made wetland does not need a permit, and wetlands on adjoining properties should be noted on applications. Marc further noted that when DES reviews wetland permits they approach it by reviewing 1)can the impact be avoided 2)then minimum impact 3)lastly mitigation.
 - c) Report on Welcome letter/packet to town (Pam) This will be covered at a later meeting.
 - d) Form for permission to publish photos from public walks (Anne)
Anne shared a participants form which, when signed, would give permission for publishing photos from public walks. Anne will email it to John Scruton for review by the town attorney.
 - e) Treasurer's report (Pam) As of Aug. statement there is \$371,839 in the Conservation Fund.
Pam will look into what we should get in from the 2013 land use change fees.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) NHACC meeting Nov 1; Anne, Marika, and John are going.
 - b) Nik Coates of NHACC will come to our Nov 20 meeting
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, BNRCH
- 9) Easements
 - a) Warren/Brasen Hill farm well This well is expected to be used for the farm and house, and it was determined to be off the easement.
 - b) Turbocam easement monitoring John stated he had difficulty finding the monuments to mark the easement, so it will be finished at a later date.
 - c) Problem on SATWaSR: letter sent to Emerald Acres John sent a letter to the president of the association reminding him of the problem of dumping trash.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: Oct. 16

Alison Desmarais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10. Pam Failing 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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