

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission  
July 2, 2015 7:00 PM  
Barrington Middle School Library, Rte 9

PRESENT: Pam Failing, Vice-chair  
Ken Grossman  
Marika Wilde  
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen representative  
Alison Desmarais, Alternate  
Anne Melvin

ABSENT: John Wallace, Chairman  
Glenn Gould, Alternate  
Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Julia Guimond, Alternate

### CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Vice-chair Pam Failing called the meeting of July 2, 2015 to order at 7:00.

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** Vice-chair Pam Failing confirmed the presence of members as above.

- 1) Wildlife Sightings Anne and Ken reported bear sightings. Loon and hawk sightings were also mentioned. Pam identified a turtle on Pierce Road as a Blandings turtle.
- 2) Guests: Tim Puls to observe the meeting.
- 3) Approval of minutes of June 4 and June 18.

**Ken Grossman made a motion to approve the minutes of June 4 as amended.**

**Susan Gaudiello seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**

**Susan Gaudiello made motion to approve the minutes of June 18 as amended.**

**Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**

- 4) Complaints Pam shared a letter from Lynda Brushett's attorney addressed to the ZBA explaining the opposition to the proposed house on Nippo. This is not a

complaint, but rather a restating of the points previously made to the BCC when Lynda presented. The ZBA continued this case.

5) Old Business

- a) Conservation Projects: There are no new developments.
- b) Parking area and road/trail maintenance on Rte 125 entrance to SATWaSR  
The parking area is completed. Pam expressed concerns that the culvert is perched, but she feels that this can be fixed.
- c) Calef Isinglass River Preserve
  - i) NRCS needs to remove or replace culvert on perennial stream. Pam reported that the NRCS plan for restoration is to do invasive species removal this fall, and next year will be the culvert removal.
  - ii) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve: another ~\$15,000 may be needed. Ken shared what he had learned from email correspondence with John Scruton. Peter Cook provided a quote of \$30,000 for work on the parking lot, and the quote from D& D Hatch was \$28,231. After group discussion Susan suggested a meeting with Rick Walker, John Scruton, and Peter Cook to review and potentially redesign the parking lot and entrance. Pam and Ken have offered to be involved in this meeting. Following this meeting the CC would also like an outline of the specs and then a detailed cost estimate. Ken will go to the Selectmen's meeting on Monday July 6.
- d) Goals for 2015
  - i) Calef 'roll-out' to public, trail work, restoration, etc.
  - ii) Involve schools – Trails Committee working on trails behind Middle School. Middle School students have made trail signs and 12 are up.
  - iii) Conservation plan:
  - iv) Proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
    - (1) Recommendations about wetland buffers
    - (2) Aquifer overlay district

6) New Business:

- a) Planning Board and ZBA: The Ayers Lake variance was granted by the ZBA.
- b) Dredge and Fill applications
- c) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- d) Legislative updates (Ken)
- e) The BCC received a bill for \$4300 from the Messengers for completion of the SATWaSR parking area and other road work.

**Susan Gaudiello made a motion to pay \$4300 from the conservation fund to the Messengers for completion of the SATWaSR parking area and road work. Allison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**

- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
  - a) DES:
  - b) SELT newsletter
  - c) Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership is offering \$1500 toward the Calef Preserve project contingent on receiving documentation on the project's budget. Pam will pass this to John Wallace so that he may complete the documentation.
  - d) Marika reminded the group about the hike on Thursday at 6:00 for the rabbit viewing at SATWaSR.
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, Pam spoke with Charlie Tatham today and he provided a report to share. Besides the signage up at the Middle school, the Barrington Trail has received new signage, and the town forest has a girl scout working on a project redoing the signs there.  
IRLAC, ORLAC, BRANCH – Marika said the committee is becoming active again and is working on researching solar panels for the town and composting.
- 9) Easements Monitored:
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: July 16

*Items remaining on agenda, but not expected to be discussed at this meeting:*

- a) Conservation Projects:
  - i) Brookwood Shores property
  - ii) "Bumfagging Hill" project: SELT has taken over
  - iii) Cook property
  - iv) Cullen Woods property – town has taken title to open space
  - v) Renna property
- b) Emerald Acres (Topaz Dr.) culvert replacement project

**Susan Gaudiello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. Ken Grossman 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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