

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

September 3, 2015 7:00 PM
Barrington Middle School Library, Rte 9

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-Chair
Marika Wilde

ABSENT: Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen representative
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Anne Melvin
Ken Grossman
Alison Desmarais, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of September 3, 2015 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings Pam was excited to share her discovery of American eels on the Lamprey. Marika reported seeing a Monarch butterfly and a baby bunny.
- 2) Guests: none
- 3) Approval of minutes of July 20 (public and non-public) & July 25 **Pam Failing made a motion to accept the minutes (public and non-public) of July 20 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0).**
Pam Failing made a motion to accept the minutes of July 25. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.
- 4) Complaints: erosion/sedimentation from Fish Eye subdivision, Young Rd. Stephen Jeffery expressed concern with sedimentation running down and getting into the stream on Young Road. John or Ken Grossman will let Stephen know that he

can bring this concern to the attention of the code enforcement officers to have him check on the situation.

5) Old Business

a) Conservation Projects:

i) Renna property: placing easement on this (and Leahy) will require town vote
This will be put forth as a warrant article.

b) Emerald Acres (Topaz Dr.) Oyster River culvert replacement project: grant proposal to DES for ARM has been submitted. John has learned that Emerald Acres is not able to be the applicant on the grant. An alternative is to have the town be the applicant, or possibly have PREP be the applicant. Pam expressed that it would be positive for the town to be the applicant as it would show support of the project. **Pam Failing made a motion that the BCC ask the Selectmen to allow for the town be the applicant for the DES ARM fund money to support the Emerald Acres project. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
John will write a memo to the selectmen.

c) Calef Isinglass River Preserve

i) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve: another ~\$15,000 may be needed. Update? Pam will look into the plans.

d) Con Com Facebook page (Glenn)

e) \$2706.29 in SATWaSR stewardship fund John checked with Peter Royce on this fund. Peter will go back into the archives and see how this money was earmarked.

f) Goals for 2015

i) Calef 'roll-out' to public, trail work, restoration, etc.

ii) Involve schools – Trails Committee working on trails behind Middle School; BMS group hikes planned for the fall

iii) Conservation plan: Pam has been working on the conservation plan.

iv) Proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. (Ken)

(1) Recommendations about wetland buffers

(2) Aquifer overlay district

6) New Business:

a) Planning Board: Site Plan, Kendall Auto, Auto repair and sales, Map 220 lot 43 (Rte 125 & Chapman) This was approved by the Planning Board.

b) Discharge permit, Turbocam This discharge permit would allow a central drain to go into the existing septic system. After review and discussion of the plans the group felt there were two points to bring to DES attention. One is that the property is over the stratified drift aquifer and this could be used for a municipal water supply in the future. Also, Mallego Brook, one of the major sources of water for the Bellamy Reservoir, runs through the Turbocam property. **Pam**

Failing made a motion send a letter to DES requesting a thorough analysis of this project in order to protect Barrington's water resources. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor. John will write a letter to DES mentioning the aquifer and Mallego Brook concerns.

c) Town Common deadlines are as follows: Oct 7, Dec 2, Pam is willing to write a short piece about the work of the BCC to put in the Town Common, and she seeking input from the CC and Trails Committee.

d) ZBA application: variance for setback requirements requested, Schneider, Bulley Road The group reviewed the plans. There was concern expressed about the increase in impervious surface that would result from the proposed modifications to the house. The proximity of the property to Swains Lake was noted. The BCC believes that there are alternatives that could make the plan acceptable, and this could include features that would allow runoff from the impervious surfaces to be infiltrated into the ground.

Pam Failing made a motion to have John write a memo to the ZBA expressing CC concerns with this application. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor. John will write a memo to the ZBA.

e) Dredge and Fill applications None

f) Treasurer's report (Pam) Pam has a request in at the Town Office for budget figures for the BCC.

g) Legislative updates (Ken)

h) There was a report from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and a request for \$375 for membership This will be tabled until the next meeting.

7) Announcements/correspondence:

a) DES:

i) Shoreland impact permit on Small Rd., This was approved.

ii) More info needed for wetlands permit for Gerrior subdivision DES needs more information.

8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC At the ORLAC meeting there was discussion of the Oyster River culvert.

9) Easements: The Boodey easement has been monitored, John also monitored Lake View Estates and reported this has no substantial problems.

10) Next scheduled meeting: September 17

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

a) Conservation Projects:

i) "Bumfagging Hill" project (~1500 acres around Marsh Rd.)

- ii) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd.
- iii) Cook property
- iv) Cullen Woods property – town has taken title to open space

Marika Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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