

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

September 17, 2015 7:00 PM  
Barrington Middle School Library, Rte 9

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

ABSENT:                 Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen representative  
                              Peter Sandin, Alternate  
                              Anne Melvin  
                              Glenn Gould, Alternate

### CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of September 17, 2015 to order at 7:10.

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

- 1) Sightings   Alison saw a Kingfisher and night time possums, Marika, Ken, and Pam reported heron sightings. Also mentioned were porcupines, turtles, and frogs. It's time to watch for migrating hawks.
- 2) Guests:   Keri Neal, RCCD, invasives removal from Calef Keri will attend the Oct. 1 meeting.
- 3) Approval of minutes of September 3  
**Marika Wilde made a motion to accept the minutes of September 3 as amended. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Complaints:
- 5) Old Business
  - a) Conservation Projects:

- i) Renna property: placing easement on this (and Leahy) will require town vote. John has the wording for the warrant article and has passed this along to the Selectmen.
- b) Emerald Acres (Topaz Dr.) Oyster River culvert replacement project: town is applicant for ARM funds
- 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 received a map of the area and went out to walk the proposed parking spot. She indicated it will be a challenging area to work on. The CC discussed options for placement of the parking area. Pam made the point that for the CC's needs, a smaller (approx. 6 car) parking area would be sufficient and would require a minimum of road work. John suggested the BCC get a minimum estimate of what a smaller parking area would cost, and Pam will get some numbers regarding costs. Pam also mentioned that she encountered ATVs on the trail and noticed tracks crossing the river. Motorized use is determined by the town, and the BCC will give thought as to what motorized use might be prohibited or allowed.
- d) Con Com Facebook page (Glenn)
- e) \$2706.29 in SATWaSR stewardship fund John will check with Peter Royce to find out what the restrictions are in use of this fund.
- f) Dues for NHACC: \$375 **Ken Grossman made a motion to pay the \$375 dues to the NHACC. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- g) Goals for 2015
  - i) Calef 'roll-out' to public, trail work, restoration, etc.
  - ii) Involve schools – Trails Committee working on trails behind Middle School, and has made a trail to the vernal pool; There are town trail hikes planned for BMS students on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Forest and Field Day is next week at the Middle School.
  - iii) Conservation plan: John suggested a future special meeting to review and discuss the work that has been done to date on the conservation plan.
  - iv) Proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. (Ken)
    - (1) Recommendations about wetland buffers Pam shared that there is a move to get consistent regulations for wetland buffers at the state level. It was suggested that the BCC try to recruit townspeople with a scientific background to serve on the CC.
    - (2) Aquifer overlay district
- 6) New Business:
  - a) Planning Board:

- i) Site Plan, IBEW (Route 4) The BCC reviewed the site plans with a focus on the rain garden. Initial concerns were drainage from the parking area and its proximity to the Oyster River. The plans do state there is to be a decrease in the amount of impervious area (1200 sf reduction). Pam will give the project further study and the group will act on the proposal at the next meeting.
  - ii) Subdivision, Falzone (Rte 125 and Tolend Rd.) It was pointed out that there is a prime wetland behind the proposed 17 lot development, and this prime wetland should be labeled as such on the plans. There was discussion about marking the wetlands both on the maps and on the property, so that the property owners are aware of wetland boundaries. The BCC will give this proposal further study.
  - b) Report on meeting with DES about Nippo Lake (Ken and Marika) Ken shared what transpired at the Nippo meeting with DES. Those at the meeting did agree that the road is contributing to the phosphate problem and all came to a consensus that the road drainage needs to be repaired.
  - c) Town Common deadline has changed to Sept. 25
  - d) Calef property: what do we want to allow?
  - e) SATWaSR Gate policy in need of change and/or enforcement This will be discussed at a later meeting.
  - f) ZBA application: variances for setbacks on Harlan Dr. (Nippo Lake) has been dropped
  - g) Dredge and Fill applications
  - h) Treasurer's report (Pam)
  - i) Legislative updates (Ken) Ken gave a brief update on issues coming before the legislature.
  - j) Pam shared that she met with Peter Cook and the DES engineer to check the three town owned dams (Swains, Scruton Pond, and Goodwill[Richardson Pond]). The engineer expressed concerns with the Goodwill dam and the high water level near the road. He also feels that the spillway is not built to serve this function. The engineer will be reviewing the situation and letting the town know his recommendation.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) DES: Correspondence was received from DES regarding: a complaint about the Barrington Shores Campground and a possible violation for failure to get a dredge permit and installing docks without a permit; the Gerrior Lane application was incomplete; a shoreland impact permit was granted on Small Road; work on the Rochester Reservoir was improved without reservations.
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC
- 9) Easements: Falls on the Isinglass, Lakeview Estates monitored
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: October 1

*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

**Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00. Marika Wilde 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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