

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

October 15, 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
Anne Melvin
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen representative

ABSENT: Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of October 15, 2015 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings There was a reported sighting of a bobcat, as well as sightings of turkeys and turkey vultures.
- 2) Guests: Dan Ayer to observe the meeting.
Brad Mezquita, Tighe & Bond: wetlands permit for UNH in/on Mendums Pond. Doug Banks and Stacey Hall (UNH sailing) were also in attendance. Mr. Mezquita explained that the dock used for sailing has been moved out as the water has receded. The sailing program is hoping to continue until the end of October, and the question is how to get the boats in when the program ends. The proposal is to use the existing lakebed gravelly material to create a path for dollies used for carrying the boats. A minimum of outside gravel might be needed to create a the path and a few small-rocks might be moved. The expectation is that the dock could be put out to the water's edge next summer or as long as lake is down. The CC determined that there is little environmental impact in the plan as presented. DES has suggested an expedited request when the formal application is made. **Ken Grossman made a motion to authorize John, on behalf of the BCC, to write a**

letter of support for when the application comes in if it comports with what was presented. Susan Gaudiello seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.

- 3) Approval of minutes of October 1 **Alison Desmarais made a motion to accept the minutes of October 1 as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Complaints: none
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Renna property: placing easement on this (and Leahy) will require town vote
 - 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. Update on cost? Pam has contacted Messengers regarding an estimate for work on the parking area and road improvement. When she hears back from them she will try to schedule a time to meet on site to review the preliminary plans.
 - d) Con Com Facebook page (Glenn)
 - e) \$2706.29 in SATWaSR stewardship fund John indicated that this money could be used to make the new gate for SATWaSR.
 - f) Planning Board:
 - i) 2-lot subdivision on Tolend Rd. IRLAC should weigh in The group reviewed the plans. John will write a memo to the PB stating that we appreciate all the appropriate delineated setbacks and, based on what has been presented, the lots appear to be large enough that building will not impact the setbacks. It will be noted that any future building should respect the lot lines. (note: since Dan Ayer is expected to become an alternate member of the CC [see below], and he is also an alternate on the PB, he will convey the CC's position on this application).
 - g) Calef property: what do we want to allow? Pam has worked up a list of permitted activities, and this will be covered at a future meeting. There was discussion about how to best present policies to the public. It was suggested to have and post a general set of acceptable activities with possible exceptions for individual properties. There will be more discussion at future meetings.
 - h) Goals for 2015
 - i) Conservation plan:
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Planning Board:
 - i) Subdivision, Falzone (Rte 125 and Tolend Rd)

- ii) Liaison from CC to PB? Dan Ayer said he would be willing to be appointed from the PB as an alternate on the CC. John will send an email to John Scruton requesting that Dan be appointed an alternate to the CC.
- b) Easement monitoring (Ken) Ken thought about having citizens monitor wetlands/easements for infractions. This “citizen stewardship” program would be a way to keep an eye on things, and Susan said this encourages towns people to be good stewards of the community. John’s idea was to possibly have an ‘adopt an easement’ program. Ken has offered to develop a more specific plan.
- c) NHACC meeting Nov. 7 Ken and Anne are also attending. Alison might attend.
- d) Town Common submissions Dec. 1 is next deadline for submissions.
- e) Dredge and Fill applications - none
- f) Treasurer's report (Pam) Norma, he town’s finance director, said there is currently \$298,806.38 in the conservation fund.
- g) Legislative updates (Ken)
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) DES:
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC On Wed. Middle School groups did walks on some of the easementstown properties.
- 9) Easements:
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: November 5, location TBD

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
- b) Goals for 2015
 - i) Calef ‘roll-out’ to public, trail work, restoration, etc.
 - ii) Proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. (Ken)
 - (1) Recommendations about wetland buffers
 - (2) Aquifer overlay district
- c) SATWaSR Gate policy in need of change and/or enforcement

Alison Desmarais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15. Anne Melvin 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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