

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

May 19, 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Marika Wilde
Ken Grossman, Alternate
Alison Desmarais
Pam Failing, Vice-chair (at 7:15)
Anne Melvin

ABSENT: Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of May 19, 2016 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings Ken believes there is a family of weasels living in, or under, his house. He also reported many different kinds of woodpeckers and an ovenbird. Anne related a close encounter with a goldfinch, and Marika spotted a hawk. John had a sighting of a large bobcat on Substitute Road.
- 2) Guests: Bob Briden to discuss the Barr property and Daniel O'Lone from Berry Surveying. Mr. O'Lone presented the plans for a minimum expedited dredge and fill application. The proposed project is close to the entrance of Berry River Road. He noted that the entire road frontage has wetlands, which necessitates crossing the wetlands to build. The total impact is 405 sf. In discussion it was noted that the wetland delineation was last done in 2007, and the consensus of the BCC was that it might be good to have a redelineation done. Mr. O'Lone will look into state requirements regarding the expiration of wetland delineations and contact John with this information. **Ken Grossman made a motion to give John authorization to sign the minimum expedited permit pending his contact with Mr. O'Lone to determine the status of the wetland delineation. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** Mr. O'Lone will contact John with the information.

- 3) Approval of minutes of April 21, May 5 7 **Pam Failing made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21 as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Anne Melvin made motion to approve the minutes of May 5 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) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd: ARM applied for; LCHIP?
Bob Briden lives across from the Barr property, and he attended because he is curious about what might happen to the property. John stated that Duane Hyde (SELT) has been in communication with the owner, and she indicated that she is interested in selling a conservation easement on the property. SELT has applied for ARM funds, and due to an imminent deadline John has done a preliminary application for LCHIP. **Ken Grossman made a motion to make an LCHIP application for the Barr property. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** This will have to go before the selectmen, and John will write a memo to let then know of the application.
- b) Rabbitat plantings (SATWaSR) May 21
- c) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Parking area; “grand” opening July 9? Pam will contact Dave Allain about flagging the wetlands for the parking lot. There was discussion about cleaning up the cemetery before the opening, and Anne will contact someone on the Cemetery Commission to determine what can be done. John mentioned that he has contacted the Historical Society to see if someone from the Society might attend the opening to relate the history of the property. George Calef will be invited to attend.
- d) Turtle Crossing signs Alison spoke with Mike Marchand of NH Fish and Game. He said Fish and Game can give four turtle crossing signs. It was suggested that the signs be placed at the two most critical crossings, which have been identified as Scruton Pond Road and Young Road. Peter Cook said the Highway Dept. can install the signs.
- e) Renewal of web domain
- f) Goals for 2016
- i) Calef ‘roll-out’ to public, trail work, restoration, etc. – Time to schedule something. This was covered above in 5c.
- ii) Conservation plan:
- iii) Management plans for town properties
- iv) Turtle crossings This was covered in 5d.
- v) Put on program(s) for education about wetlands Ken expressed an interest in reaching out to the general public and the planning board with wetland

education programs. Pam suggested contacting Natural Resource Stewards and Speaking for Wildlife to see what they might offer in educational assistance on wetlands. Ken was also given a few names to contact.

6) New Business:

- a) NHANRS renewal (\$20) **Anne Melvin made a motion to spend \$20 for renewal of NHANRS membership. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** John will let Marcia know that this has been approved.
- b) Amendment to bylaws **Anne Melvin made a motion to adopt the bylaws change as outlined by Ken. (The Commission shall consist of five (5) regular members and up to five (5) alternate members. One member may also be a member of the Barrington Planning Board. *In addition, a Selectman may also be a non-voting member at the pleasure of the Selectmen.*) Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- c) Planning Board: Skipper-Olsen 2-lot subdivision, Rte 9 (across from Village Place): will also apply for a 9.6 incursion into wetland buffer This application is to deal with an existing barn within the buffer. After discussion the group had no comment on this.
- d) ZBA There was a question if the ZBA has seen some recent issues come before it that the BCC should be aware of. John will check with Marcia.
- e) Intent to cut: Smith, Leanna Dr.; A letter has been sent from the Planning Dept. reminding the landowner to be aware of prime wetlands.
- f) Dredge and Fill applications
- g) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- h) Legislative updates (Ken) Ken gave an update on an energy bill.

7) Announcements/correspondence:

- a) DES:
- b) SPNHF: Forest Notes
- c) Marika received a note from Charter Weeks regarding pesticide spraying and the harm it can do to bees, butterflies, and birds. It was decided that the note will be posted on the Barrington Connections Facebook page and the BCC website.
- d) Any BCC news needs to be submitted soon for the Town Common. John will do a write up for the July 9th Calef roll out.

8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC Anne shared that at the recent IRLAC meeting it was mentioned that, other than the Isinglass River, flood plains are not marked in Barrington. Pam thinks that the only formally identified flood plains are on the current FEMA flood maps and cover just the Isinglass and perhaps part of the Lamprey. Anne will check with Marcia to see what has come of the work that was done on flood plain mapping.

9) Easements:

10) Next scheduled meeting: June 2

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Stonehouse Forest
 - ii) Cook property
 - iii) Cullen Woods property – town has taken title to open space
 - iv) Wilson property for sale (on Mendums, abuts Jeffrey and Brookwood Shores)

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. Alison Desmarais 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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