

## MEETING MINUTES

### Barrington Conservation Commission

June 2, 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

**PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chair  
Marika Wilde  
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison  
Alison Desmarais  
Anne Melvin

**ABSENT:** Ken Grossman, Alternate  
Pam Failing, Vice-chair  
Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Glenn Gould, Alternate

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of June 2, 2016 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings Marika reported a large snake, as yet to be identified. A tick made its appearance at the meeting; fortunately it was a deer tick.:-
- 2) Guests: Dan Ayer attended as a member of the public.
  - a) Joel DeStasio, Trout Unlimited: habitat restoration on Johnson/Wilde property  
Joel was unable to attend the meeting, but will present at a future meeting.
  - b) Traci Bisson: Chair of Library Foundation Town Campus project Traci shared a preliminary plan for the new library. She explained that the Library Foundation is giving information to, and seeking input from, the public and town organizations as to what might be included in the plans. John mentioned that it would be nice to have a nature spot in the library for displays and information. Traci brought up the idea of a pollinator garden as part of the landscaping. There was discussion about the building plans and the idea of a town campus.

- 3) Approval of minutes of May 19 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Complaints: none
- 5) Old Business
  - a) Conservation Projects:
    - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:
      - (1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve
      - (2) Calef 'roll-out' to public, July 9 Anne spoke with cemetery commission members Rick Walker and Jere Calef about fixing up the cemeteries in the Calef Preserve. Rick requested that a scope of work be provided and noted that no town funds should be used for the clean up. After receiving the scope of work the Cemetery Commissioners would like to do a site review. It was mentioned that any trees felled and/or brush cut needs to be set aside on site for wildlife habitat. Alison volunteered to work on the scope of work. Jere told Anne that he is a descendent to one of the family cemeteries. John has notified all of the funders and George Calef about the 'roll-out'.
    - ii) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd: working on LCHIP application  
The Selectmen have approved this application for LCHIP.
  - b) Renewal of web domain - \$80 total for 2013-2016 **Marika Wilde made a motion to pay \$20.00 from the budget education line for the 2016 web domain and to pay \$60.00 from the Conservation Fund for the years 2013-2015. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - c) Goals for 2016
    - i) Conservation plan:
    - ii) Management plans for town properties
    - iii) Turtle crossings Signs are up! It was suggested that Glenn put mention of the signs and the turtle crossing article on the website and BCC facebook page.  
Alison will post this on Barrington Connections facebook page.
    - iv) Put on program(s) for education about wetlands
- 6) New Business:
  - a) Pay SPNHF for Renna: \$4,044.49 out of Conservation fund. **Anne Melvin made a motion to pay SPNHF \$4,044.49 out of the Conservation Fund for the costs associated with the addition of the Renna property to the SATWaSR easement. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - b) Swap of town land near SATWaSR Dan explained that this swap (acquiring approximately 7 acres in swap for 5) would give the town road frontage on Pierce Road and connect to a parcel already owned by the town. It was mentioned that

this piece would be available for commercial development. John asked that a natural resource inventory done on the approximate 125 acres with the intent of protecting SATWaSR. Anne spoke of the need for clean industry to help the tax base. **Anne Melvin made a motion to have a memo sent the selectmen in support of the swap and recommending that clean industry be considered in development and a natural resource inventory be done on the property, especially on the areas adjacent to SATWaSR such that they are not developed. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of three (3) to zero (0). Marika abstained from voting.** John will write a memo.

- c) Adopt the Standards and Practices of the Land Trust Alliance (for LCHIP)  
**Alison Desmarais made a motion to adopt the Standards and Practices of the Land Trust Alliance. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- d) Write Letter of support for SELT's Recreational Trails Program grant on Stonehouse Pond Allison shared the letter of support she wrote and she will forward the letter to John for referral to SELT. **Anne Melvin made a motion to accept Allison's letter in support of SELT's trail and parking work on Stonehouse Pond. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- e) There is a new county champion hornbeam on Calef property. Allison has recently found a larger hornbeam on Chestnut Forest , which will be submitted for county champion.
- f) Planning Board:
- g) ZBA
- h) Dredge and Fill applications
- i) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- j) Legislative updates (Ken)
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
  - a) DES:
  - b) Ray Turmelle contacted Marika and wondered if the BCC would like to sponsor another slide show. It was decided that this could be done in the fall.
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC
- 9) Easements:
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: June 16

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

- a) Verifying wetland delineations
- b) 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)

**Alison Desmarais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi

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