

MEETINGMINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

July 7, 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
 Marika Wilde
 Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison
 Alison Desmarais
 Anne Melvin
 Pam Failing, Vice-chair

ABSENT: Ken Grossman, Alternate
 Peter Sandin, Alternate
 Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

- 1) Sightings Reported were turkeys, woodchucks, ducklings, deer, ticks, and beavers.
- 2) Guests: none
- 3) Approval of minutes of June 16 **Alison Desmarais made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) 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 This will be covered at future meetings.
 - (2) Calef 'roll-out' to public, July 9 John will contact people planning to attend if the weather is inclement, and he can be reached by email. Sunday

could be a possible rain date. Someone from Trust for Public Land will attend.

ii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW: The owner will sell to town for \$45,000. It was mentioned that there is trash left on the property from its use as a shooting range, and John brought up that it could be a problem keeping people from continuing to use it for shooting practice. There was discussion if the cost of cleanup could come out of the sale price. John will contact Peter Cook to get an estimated cost of cleanup. There was also a question about possible lead contamination and if this might impact it becoming a part of SATWaSR. John will communicate with Ryan Young (Forest Society) about this. It would need to be surveyed on two sides.

b) Lot merger: Renna, Leahy and rest of SATWaSR This is to come before the Selectmen.

c) Dam on Richardson Pond (Goodwill Conservation Area): repair, destroy, how pay? At the Selectmen's meeting it was noted that a main purpose of the easement is protection of Richardson Pond. Susan indicated that the Selectmen accepted the recommendation of the BCC, as outlined in the minutes of June 16. There was a question about who is responsible for dam maintenance. John pointed out that it is stated in the deed that the town is.

d) Goals for 2016

i) Conservation plan:

ii) Management plans for town properties Alison shared a general template she made from the SATWaSR management plan, and this template could be used in writing other management plans. Pam intends to invite Don Quigley (UNH Forestry) to a CC meeting to see if his students might be able to help with Forestry Management plans as part of overall management plans. It was pointed out that the Calef Preserve has a forest management plan, and there is a Natural Resource Inventory on Goodwill.

iii) Put on program(s) for education about wetlands John will be doing a Barrington Library presentation on hiking trails in August. There will also be a presentation on State Big Trees (Sept. 24) This will be coordinated with a walk to view a designated big tree.

6) New Business:

a) \$1000 from ORWA arrived for Renna

b) Turtle crossing signs: when do we 'shut down?' Alison checked with Mike Marchand. It was decided that the signs can be kept up until mid September.

c) Planning Board:

d) ZBA

e) Dredge and Fill applications Permit by notification on Mendums for replacement of a retaining wall. The proposed retaining wall would have the same basic dimensions as the existing wall. Pam wondered about the size of the blocks (landscaping blocks) and questioned if larger blocks might be more

appropriate for the use intended. John will email the owner to let him know of Pam's suggestion for the use of larger blocks. **Pam made a motion to sign and support the document. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** John signed the application.

f) Treasurer's report (Pam) The current account in Conservation Fund is \$392,474, with \$4,000 outstanding in expenses.

g) Legislative updates (Ken)

7) Announcements/correspondence:

a) DES: Scully (Berry River Rd) minimum wetlands permit approved

8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC Marika will send out a memo about the upcoming SATWaSR rabbit walk in August.

9) Easements:

10) Next scheduled meeting: July 21

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

a) Conservation Projects:

i) Stonehouse Forest

ii) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd

iii) Cook property

Alison Desmarais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. Anne Melvin 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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