

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

September 1 2016, 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

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

ABSENT:                    Peter Sandin, Alternate  
                                 Glenn Gould, Alternate

### CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of September 1, 2016 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings Ken reported a bear. Turkeys, Monarch butterflies, hawks, a rabbit, a Black and White warbler, and a beaver were also mentioned.
- 2) Guests: Dan Ayer attended as a public citizen.
- 3) Approval of minutes of July 21, August 18 **Pam Failing made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Marika Wilde made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18 as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Complaints: It was brought to Marika's attention that there is trash on the Turbocam easement. Alison will organize a clean-up. The hope is that occasional trash removal will encourage others to keep the area clean.
- 5) Old Business
  - a) Conservation Projects:

- i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Pam suggested that the lines should be marked/monumented between Mr. Kelsall's property and the easement. The survey has been done, but it would be helpful if stakes were put in for the contractors when they work on the culvert. Pam will email this suggestion to the NRCS and send a copy to John Scruton. It was mentioned again that vehicles are driving through the easement from Scruton Pond Road or Kelliher Road, and signs will need to be put up to prevent this.
  - (1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve There are no developments on this.
- ii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW: owner will sell to town for \$45,000 There are no new developments on this.
- b) Falzone purchase of land at Rt125 & Substitute Road. Mr. Falzone will come on 9/15.
- c) Lot merger: Renna, Lahey and rest of SATWaSR:
- d) Goals for 2016
  - i) Conservation plan:
  - ii) Management plans for town properties Pam will contact Don Quigley.
  - iii) Put on program(s) for education about wetlands On Wednesday, Nov. 2 there will be a wetlands presentation at the Library.
- 6) New Business:
  - a) Dredge and Fill applications: Hasting, 146 2d Crown Point Rd – pond The application indicated that the purpose of the dredge and fill is to control orchard flooding. The group reviewed the plans and feels there are no issues. **Anne Melvin made a motion to have John write a letter to DES indicating there is no objection to the plan as presented. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - b) Letter of support for ARM funding for Barr property (for SELT) SELT has applied for ARM funds and requested a letter of support from the BCC. **Alison Desmarais made a motion to send a letter to DES in support of ARM funds for the Barr property. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. [Note added after: John will simply sign the application, indicating that the commission has no objections to the plan as presented.]**
  - c) \$1500 from The Nature Conservancy for Renna – in Conservation Fund? This would have been for Calef. Pam will check on this.
  - d) Future meetings will be in conference room
  - e) Meet later on Sept 15? (BES open house until 7) Meeting at this date will start at 7:30.
  - f) Planning Board: lot line adjustment, McDaniel Shore Dr. This involves combining one center lot into the two adjacent lots. Dan will convey to the PB that this proposal has BCC support.
  - g) ZBA

- h) Treasurer's report (Pam)
  - i) Legislative updates (Ken)
  - j) John would like to take an ArcGIS on line course to help with map making.  
**Alison Desmarais made a motion to authorize \$59.00 from the education line of budget for John to take the ArcGIS course. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - k) Mark West did a wetland assessment for Barr **Anne Melvin made a motion to pay \$1886 to Mark West for the wetland assessment of the Barr property. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. The allocation of up to \$2000 for this purpose was approved at the meeting of June 16.**
  - l) On Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> LCHIP will visit the Barr property to do a funding assessment.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) Big Tree talk and walk (library), 10 AM Sept 24
  - b) Presentation on wetlands and wildlife at library, Nov 2 (Ken)
  - c) NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative conference, Sept 23 in New London
  - d) DES:
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC
- 9) Easements: Brasen Hill done, no problems
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: Sept. 15 (at 7:30)

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

- a) Dam on Richardson Pond (Goodwill Conservation Area):
- b) 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 8:30. 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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