

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

October 6, 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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of October 6, 2016 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings There were reports of turkeys, a fisher, deer, a possum, and a raccoon. Ken used a song and ukulele to relate an unfortunate incident about a fox meeting its demise from a car - a very sad, but entertaining, story. It was mentioned that the weather has brought a reemergence of ticks .
- 2) Guests: Amanda Gourgue, Board member NHACC and Lee Conservation Commission Amanda shared new developments at NHACC and upcoming events. John mentioned that NHACC has been a useful resource over the years. John brought up the opportunity to have area conservation commissions gather together to hear a presentation about the NH Coastal Viewer put on by the Nature Conservancy.
- 3) Approval of minutes of September 16 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Complaints:
 - a)Trash on Turbocam easement The trash has been removed.
 - b)There was a complaint about parking on Town Farm Road to access the Calef Preserve. It was discussed that the proposed parking lot and a trail entrance off Town Farm Road would negate the need to cross through Mr. Kelsall's yard on the right of way.

c) Pam brought to the group's attention that there has been significant alteration to the Bellamy River as it crosses Richard Townsend's property. It appears that, in violation of state regulations, a dam has been constructed restricting natural flow and a small pond made. CC members feel that Peter Cook and DES (David Price) need to be made aware of this situation. Pam will be in contact with Peter Cook and David Price regarding the issue.

Ken made a motion that the CC approve Pam contacting Peter Cook and DES in support of Mr. Dolmat's complaint and to move forward with further investigation for remediation of the situation. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

5) Old Business

a) Conservation Projects:

i) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd

(1) Site walk with ARM was last week Matt Carpenter attended, and there was discussion about fish in the Isinglass.

ii) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:

(1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve John did contact Dave Allain regarding wetland delineation.

Pam will contact George Calef about getting in touch with Mr. Bedford as Mr. Bedford indicated he had a question about where the Bedford property line is in relation to the Calef Preserve.

iii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW: The evaluation of shooting range is in process.

b) Time to take down Turtle Crossing signs? These will be taken down soon.

c) Goals for 2016

i) Conservation plan:

ii) Management plans for town properties

6) New Business:

a) Dredge and Fill applications:

b) \$1500 from TNC for Renna – in Conservation Fund?

c) Planning Board: Lot line revision Waldron Haley Trust, rtes. 9 and 125

The group reviewed this and decided that it is not a concern to the CC.

d) ZBA

e) Treasurer's report (Pam)

f) Legislative updates (Ken)

7) Announcements/correspondence:

a) SELT everlasting

i) Fall Foliage walk Stonehouse Pond, 10/22 11AM

ii) Fall Fundraiser, Portsmouth, 11/11

iii) Stonehouse Forest walk 12/3, 9AM

b) NHANRS quarterly meeting 10/13

c) NHACC meeting Nov 12

- d) Report on Water supply land conservation (Anne, John)
This will be covered at the next meeting. John mentioned that the co-occurrence map should be updated to reflect the new information.
- e) Presentation on wetlands and wildlife at library, Nov 2 6PM
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC
- 9) Easements: Schulz/Legere monitored
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: October 20

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Stonehouse Forest
 - ii) Cook property

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. 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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