

Barrington Conservation Commission
December 15, 2016, 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

(Approved on January 5, 2017)

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Alison Desmaris

ABSENT: Marika Wilde
Anne Melvin
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison
Ken Grossman, Alternate
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of December 15, 2016 to order at 7:05.

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

- 1) Sightings A coyote was spotted crossing Route 4.
- 2) Guests: Dan Ayer as a public citizen. Ray Bisson, Stonewall Surveying – lot line adjustment, ZBA application (Following the lot line presentation Mr. Bisson stayed for the meeting.)
 - a) This adjustment is in regards to a lot on Stadig Road (Swain's Lake). The application will go to the ZBA to get variances on front and side setbacks, and application has been made for state approval for shoreline setback. After review and discussion the group expressed the possibility that the deck could be minimized since the owners do have use of the waterfront. John would like to research the procedure for allowance of variances to the town 75' lake setback. John will write a memo to the ZBA outlining the concerns about the size of the house for the lot and the size of the deck and its proximity to the lake. Alison commented that she was pleased to see runoff addressed with gutters and a rain garden.

b)2nd Crown Point Road by Berry River. This is a lot line adjustment for the applicant (S&D Doughty) to gain ownership of the driveway. John will write a memo to the PB stating no objections to this application.

3) Complaints:

4) Approval of minutes of November 17, Dec 1 Tabled until next meeting.

5) Old Business

a) Conservation Projects:

i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:

(1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve Pam will send the plans she sketched out and the construction notes to the town office to be put on the PB agenda.

(2) Culvert replacement - completed

(3) Unauthorized structure – removed

(4) Monitoring report needed for the Calef Preserve It is monitored by the NRCS, but LCHIP requires an annual report about the state of the property so the BCC will have to start monitoring annually. The NRCS report is not adequate for LCHIP purposes, and LCHIP will require a report for 2016. John will be doing this.

(5) Gates can be put up. Pam suggested staking out where the gates should go.

ii) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd: received \$150,000 grant from LCHIP, \$61,545 from DES ARM. Remaining funding needed is \$110,000. There was discussion about ownership of a small parcel abutting Greenhill Road; when the survey is completed, the ownership of this parcel will be clarified.. In the conservation easement deed there will have to be language allowing for a parking area.

b) Bellamy ‘dam’ update? Pam hopes to contact David Price (DES) again about moving forward with this.

c) Falzone Purchase of Rte 125 property:

d) Con com terms expiring: Pam (full), Peter (alternate) John will email Peter Sandin to see if he wants to continue. Pam does intend to apply for another term.

e) Goals for 2016

i) Conservation plan:

ii) Management plans for town properties

6) New Business:

a) Do we want to recommend to selectmen that town apply for FEMA PDM funds for Oyster River Culvert? It is a private road and Emerald Acres cannot apply as a private entity. Municipalities can apply for these funds, but Dan shared that the town cannot apply for grants on private roads. John is trying to find out if there is any other way to apply for this grant.

b) Selectmen want Town Forest Task Force revived This will be brought up at the Selectmen’s meeting.

- c) The Advisory Budget Committee has recommended that monitoring expenses and trails committee budget come from the conservation fund and no longer from the general fund. This will be brought up at the Selectmen's meeting.
- d) Accept \$2200 donation to conservation fund This will be tabled until next meeting.
- e) Membership: Alison brought a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the BCC, and the group is very sorry to have her leave.
- f) Dredge and Fill applications: The discussion was about the Rochester Water District plans to withdraw more water from the Berry River. Pam feels the town of Barrington needs to address the potential low water flow in the river if Rochester increases the amount taken for the reservoir. John suggested that Pam call DES to put a hold on the permit to allow for more study. Pam will contact Marcia and John Scruton regarding this issue.
- g) Planning Board: Plans for a 4 lot subdivision and lot line revision on Oak Hill Road were reviewed. (Haley and McNeil) The group expressed no concerns with the subdivision plans, but did indicate concerns with a lot line revision that would create a buildable lot that would necessitate wetland impact. The group feels that other avenues should be explored for accessing the lot. **Alison made a motion to have John write a memo to the PB expressing concerns with designing a building lot that could have wetland impacts in order to access it. The BCC would suggest exploring other avenues for access. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0).**

Alison made a motion that John write a memo to the PB indicating that the BCC has no concerns with the four lot subdivision. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.

- h) ZBA
 - i) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - i) \$1500 from TNC for Renna – in Conservation Fund?
 - j) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - k) Report from NHACC annual meeting (John) This will be covered at a future meeting.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) DES
 - i) Unpermitted dock installed, Harlan Dr. (map 112, lot 37.1)
 - i) Minimum forestry wetland permit approved, map 101 lots 60, 61, 65
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: All completed. John will do the Calef Preserve soon. Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: January 5

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Stonehouse Forest
 - ii) Cook property
 - iii) Newsy property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
- b) NHACC looking into regional workshop on GRANIT's NH Coastal Viewer

Alison Desmaris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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