

Barrington Conservation Commission
January 19, 2017, 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

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

ABSENT Pam Failing, Vice-chair
 Ken Grossman
 Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of January 19, 2017 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings An otter on Swains Lake and a Sharp-shinned hawk were sighted. Unfortunately, Marika's attempt to save a small bird was unsuccessful.
- 2) Guests: Alena Warren, Strafford County Conservation District; Doug Bogen to observe meeting; Dan Ayer as public citizen. Alena shared that soil and water conservation has been the focus of the SCCD, but some work has been done with wildlife and forestry. The group works closely with NRCS and helps farmers and landowners by providing equipment for rental and holding workshops related to soil management. Currently the SCCD is working on an inventory of farms in Strafford County and techniques for nutrient management. Alena mentioned that she would like to open up lines of communication with the BCC.
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of Jan 5 **Anne Melvin made motion to accept the minutes of January 5 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:

- (1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve
 - ii) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd. Funding is pretty much in place. Duane Hyde anticipates end of April for completion.
 - iii) Stonehouse Forest
 - b) Goals for 2017? Goals suggested were: volunteers for stewarding lands, conservation education for the public, formally organizing and documenting monitoring of easements, having the town planner more involved in what CC is doing, completing a revised trails booklet, more communication with other town boards, strengthen Lakes Associations communication, have a Barrington representative on the Lamprey River Local Advisory Committee.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Report from meeting with Strafford County Conservation District (Anne) This was covered with meeting with Alena.
 - b) Assign annual reports for town owned conservation lands? (SATWaSR [including Monfet & Wilhelm], Goodwill, Calef, KOTR, Town Forest, Chestnut Forest, Dexter, Locke Falls, Cullen Woods) Susan suggested making a chart that would log monitoring (if required) and public activities on or issues with the land. The possibility of having Marcia or Barbara set up the template was discussed. John suggested CC members “adopt” a town owed conservation property.
 - c) Wilde property, Province Rd. (12.45 acres) - Marika would like to permanently conserve a lot she owns. This was discussed and a suggestion was to put a portion of the lot in deed restriction.
 - d) Dredge and Fill applications: The BCC has previously discussed the Rochester Reservoir application.
 - e) Planning Board:
 - f) ZBA
 - g) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - h) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - i) **Marika Wilde mad a motion to recommend Doug Bogen as an alternate member of the BCC. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.** John will write a memo to the Selectmen.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) DES
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: February 2

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

- a) FEMA PDM funds for Oyster River Culvert – still a possibility

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

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Marika Wilde 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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