

Conservation Commission
February 2, 2017, 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

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

ABSENT Anne Melvin
 Ken Grossman
 Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of February 2, 2017 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings The groundhog (aka Punxsutawney Phil) did see his shadow so we are expecting 6 more weeks of winter. Mr. Pohopek noted that many (male) deer still have antlers on. They could be in cahoots with the aforementioned Punxsutawney Phil. Pam reported a large nocturnal bird and surmised it was probably an owl.
- 2) Guests: Dan Ayer as a public citizen. Derek Small from Wildlife Encounters of Rochester.
 - a) Jason Pohopek, minimum expedited dredge and fill permit (Hale lot Weeks Lane) Mr. Pohopek explained that this is the same permit for a wetlands crossing that was previously approved in 2005, but has since expired. He mentioned that the Natural Heritage Bureau had no hits. The crossing is about 20 feet wide with an anticipated 398 sf wetlands impacted. The group reviewed and discussed the plans and decided there were no concerns.
Pam Failing made a motion to support the minimum impact expedited application. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor. John signed the applications.
 - b) Marcia Gasses, Barrington Town Planner Marcia said that all files and records regarding easements and town properties should be electronically sent to her and kept on the town server. Pam had a question about the ease of using the GIS

mapping system, and it was mentioned that a brief workshop/tutorial on use of the GIS would be helpful. John will look into setting a workshop time and date. There was discussion about creating a recording spreadsheet for the town owned parcels and possibly all easements. Pam mentioned that this could also provide a format for logging volunteer hours. Marcia stated that a spreadsheet is something that the town offices will be able to help set up, and she will check to see what Dover has done in this area. Marcia also mentioned that she can assist the BCC with research/letters that need attention. BCC members can contact Marcia when issues come up that need to be addressed.

- c) Derek Small of Wildlife Encounters (Rochester NH) is looking to relocate his environmental education business that involves housing non-releasable animals and outreach to schools and the public. Mr. Small also has an interest in creating a science center to educate about conservation, permaculture, and regenerative agriculture. Mr. Small said he is looking for an area that would allow him to expand his business and possibly include a wildlife rehabilitative center. The group shared possible properties in town, and Mr. Small said he will research available areas.

3) Complaints: none

4) Approval of minutes of Jan 19 **Marika Wilde made motion to accept the minutes of January 19 as amended. Pam Failing 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 Pam will send the information to John for follow up.

b) NOAA funds for Oyster River Culvert – still a possibility

c) Goals for 2017

i) volunteers land stewards

ii) conservation education for the public

iii) monitoring/reporting of conservation lands

iv) trails booklet

v) establish ties with Lakes Associations

vi) town representative to Lamprey River LAC John can post this on the Barrington Connections Page.

vii) make Natural Resources Inventory accessible to other town agencies for use by possibly making a summary shared with other departments. The NRI should be part of the Master Plan.

6) New Business:

- a) Assign annual reports for town owned conservation lands? (SATWaSR [including Monfet & Wilhelm], Goodwill, Calef, KOTR, Town Forest, Chestnut Forest, Dexter, Locke Falls
- b) Wilde property, Province Rd. (12.45 acres). Mr. Bussiere made a suggestion to Marika to have selective cutting done before putting the property on market.
- c) Dredge and Fill applications:
- d) Planning Board:
- e) ZBA There was discussion about some proposed changes at Milos.
- f) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- g) Legislative updates (Ken)
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) DES
 - b) Wetlands workshop, March 9
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: February 16

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd.
 - ii) Stonehouse Forest
 - iii) Cook property
 - iv) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
- b) NHACC looking into regional workshop on GRANIT's NH Coastal Viewer

Pam Failing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. 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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