

Conservation Commission
February 16, 2017, 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
 Pam Failing, Vice-chair
 Marika Wilde
 Anne Melvin

ABSENT: Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison
 Ken Grossman
 Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of February 16, 2017 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings Bluebirds, robins, a fisher, and a snowshoe hare were all reported.
- 2) Guests: Steve Diamond: zoning amendment about farm animal definition Doug Bogen to observe meeting. Steve Diamond reviewed the proposed zoning amendment that deals with definitions for keeping farm animals. He feels the amendment shouldn't be based on land area as this is too restrictive, but rather the amendment should be based on standards for best practices for sanitation, humane treatment, and sustainability. Steve was told at the Deliberative Session that amendments to the zoning articles are done at planning sessions. The zoning article as amended will be voted on this year. Steve stated that his complaint is that the notice given for the planning sessions is inadequate and he feels that the website posting of agendas was difficult to find. He is asking for better notice of planning sessions and improved communication. Marcia Gasses has offered to meet with Steve to discuss and possibly recommend amendments to the zoning article so that it can be voted on again next year (2018).
- 3) Complaints: none

- 4) Approval of minutes of Feb 2 **Pam Failing made a motion to accept the minutes of February 2. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) 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 gave a draft plan for the parking area to John to pass along to Dave Allain. A question for Mr. Allain is if the road border area is delineated as a wetland or roadside ditch. John said he planned on acquiring a special use permit, and plans will need to show 50 ft buffer if it's determined to be a wetland. After consultation with Dave Allain the plans will go to the Planning Board. It is to be determined if the plans will go out to bid.
- b) Assign annual reports for town owned conservation lands? (SATWaSR [including Monfet & Wilhelm, Dexter], Goodwill, Calef, KOTR, Town Forest, Chestnut Forest, Locke Falls, Cullen Woods Pam volunteered to do the Town Forest and Goodwill, and Anne will do Kids of the River. Doug offered to do Calef. The Trails Committee should also be part of this reporting.
- c) Goals for 2017 John will send out an email asking who wants to adopt a goal
- i) volunteer land stewards
- ii) conservation education for the public
- iii) monitoring/reporting of conservation lands
- iv) trails booklet
- v) communication among town boards
- vi) establish ties with Lakes Associations
- vii) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
- viii) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
- 6) New Business:
- a) DES list of impaired waters for Barrington – comments/changes? John said this list is out of date, and it would be good to have the local lakes associations review this list.
- b) Trails Committee request for permission to post EcoPark property (Map 263, lot 13.1) against wheeled motorized vehicles There has been ATV use on SATWaSR and Trails Committee chair Charlie Tatham thinks it is coming in off EcoPark property by Pierce Road.
- Pam Failing made a motion to have John write a memo to the Selectmen requesting the posting of a no wheeled motorized vehicle sign at the EcoPark property. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor. John will write the memo.**
- c) Dredge and Fill applications: Pam will be meeting with Ian Rohrbacher from Rochester Public Works to discuss the Rochester reservoir.

- d) Planning Board:
- e) ZBA
- f) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- g) Legislative updates (Ken)
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) DES
 - b) Wetlands workshop, March 9 There will be three or four BCC members attending.
 - c) SCCD annual report
 - d) A county champion Black Spruce on SATWaSR has been confirmed.
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: March 2 – John will NOT be in attendance. Pam requested that future meetings start at 6:30. This was agreed to by the group, and the March 2 meeting will start at 6:30.

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

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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