

Conservation Commission
March 2, 2017, 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
 Pam Failing, Vice-chair
 Marika Wilde
 Anne Melvin
 Ken Grossman
 Doug Bogen, alternate
 Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison

ABSENT: Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of March 2, 2017 to order at 6:45. The meeting was moved to the American Legion Hall (Route 9).

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

- 1) Sightings Skunks. Skunk mating season stinks, and it's that time of year for the skunks to be out doing their thing. Pam reported something big and black, and she surmised it was a fisher.
- 2) Guests Dan Ayer attended as a member of the public.
- 3) Complaints: Anne had a question about the clearing being done for access to the well drilling at the Village Place open space and the proposed parking area for the trailhead. John will check with Marcia regarding the plans for the trailhead parking.
- 4) Approval of minutes of Feb 16 **Pam Failing made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) 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 Dave Allain viewed the parking area and suggested minor revisions to the proposed plan. He stated that the border is a roadside ditch, not a wetland. Pam will revise the plans based on the recommendations.

- b. Assign annual reports for town owned conservation lands? - SATWaSR [including Monfet, Wilhelm, & Dexter] (Charlie Tatham), Goodwill (Pam), Calef (Doug and Ken), KOTR (Anne), Town Forest (Pam), Chestnut Forest (Anne), Locke Falls (John), Cullen Woods (John). John will check with Marcia regarding the recording form.
- c. Goals for 2017
 - i. volunteer land stewards (Ken) Ken had a few people respond, and he will let the CC know how this progresses.
 - ii. conservation education for the public (Ken) It was mentioned that library talks might include how to do a conservation easement, an “all about turtles” talk, and an entomology talk. Pam will contact the herpetology person at Fish and Game.
 - iii. monitoring/reporting of conservation lands This was covered above.
 - iv. communication among town boards (Ken) Two concerns were discussed regarding communication with other boards. It was decided that John will write a memo to the boards requesting that the BCC be made aware, in a timely fashion and routine manner, of any things that will appear on the boards upcoming agendas that may be of relevance to the Commission. Also, it will be requested that the BCC receive (via email, hard copy, or posted on line in a timely manner) the draft minutes from the boards when they are available. This would allow the CC to learn of the outcome of decisions made by the boards.
 - v. establish ties with Lakes Associations (Ken)
 - vi. update Town Forest management plan (Ken) **Ken Grossman made a motion to establish the goal of updating the Town Forest management plan. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

6) New Business:

- a. Dredge and Fill applications:
- b. Planning Board:
- c. ZBA
- d. County champ quaking aspen on Calef John will make a list of the Barrington State and County champion big trees that are on town-owned lands so that the BCC can order signage for the individual trees.
- e. June 1: concerts at BES, we should have that meeting elsewhere or different date. Pam will check to see if we can use the American Legion on June 1.
- f. Treasurer's report (Pam)

- g. Legislative updates (Ken) Ken reported that the bill to redistribute LCHIP money to towns was killed. The proposed statewide rules on wetland setbacks will get further study.
 - h. Marika will plan the setting up of the display for town voting March 14
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- a. DES
 - b. Wetlands workshop, March 9 Four or five will attend from BCC.
 - c. Saving Special Places, April 8
 - d. The group expressed regret that Susan is retiring. Susan's knack for keeping the group on task and summarizing discussion will be sorely missed.
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: March 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
- c. Goals for 2017
 - i. trails booklet (John)
 - ii. make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible (John)
 - iii. town representative to Lamprey River LAC

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Pam Failing 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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