

## Conservation Commission

March 16, 2017, 6:30 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair  
Pam Failing, Vice-chair  
Marika Wilde  
Anne Melvin (at 7:00)  
Doug Bogen, alternate

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

### CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of March 16, 2017 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings Can robins and bluebirds still be called harbingers of spring? It is not uncommon now that they are seen in winter, but spotting a robin or bluebird on a blustery March day is always a welcome sight. Both birds have been sighted.
- 2) Guests: Dan Ayer attended as a member of the public.
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of March 2 **Pam Failing made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2 as amended. 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 has spoken to Brian Lenzi about the possibility of taking the wood that is cut for the parking lot. If Mr. Lenzi doesn't take the wood he might know someone who would.
  - b) Goals for 2017
    - i) volunteer land stewards
    - ii) conservation education for the public (Ken)
    - iii) communication among town boards (Ken)
    - iv) trails booklet (John)
    - v) establish ties with Lakes Associations
    - vi) update Town Forest management plan (Ken)

6) New Business:

- a) Tree cutting on Sasner property, Mendums Landing Rd. After some discussion, the members agreed that there are no recommendations or concerns. John will write a note to the Mendum's Homeowners Association saying that the cutting is approved.
- b) Update of Goodwill Conservation Area Baseline Documentation Report SELT has updated the existing conditions for the Goodwill Easement, and John Scruton can sign on behalf of the town.
- c) Dredge and Fill applications: none
- d) Planning Board:
  - i) Site plan, Millo's As an abutter, Anne recused herself from this discussion. The plan was reviewed. John will write a note to the PB pointing out that gravel parking is considered impervious and recommending that the town engineer look at the plan to verify that the drainage is adequate. Anne rejoined the group.
  - ii) 3-lot subdivision, Peter Cook The group reviewed the plans and decided there were no recommendations or concerns. However, it was noted that the wetland scientist stamp and signature should be on the plans with the indication there are no wetlands.
- e) ZBA: Hynes, 158 Small Rd. variance from setbacks The plans were discussed, and the CC decided it has no concerns or recommendations with the plans as presented.
- f) Revision to policy on town-owned conservation lands (John) John reviewed the revisions he is recommending, and the group discussed adding a change to deal with structures. In summary, the revisions are: camping and fires are not permitted without express written consent from the town, target shooting is not allowed, and no structures are permitted except for temporary (and removed) seasonal tree stands for hunting.
- g) Report on wetlands workshop, March 9 Those who attended shared that the CC can request more details on a wetland plan and also can request an extension before making a decision on a wetland permit. At the workshop it was pointed out that the signature and stamp of the wetland scientist should be on the final version of plans. John has a checklist from the workshop to use when going over a dredge and fill permit, and this can be used as a reference when reviewing permits. John will check with Marcia to see if Dubois and King have a wetland scientist on staff.
- h) DOT (to DES): replacing culvert on Rte. 9, along Goodwill This culvert comes into Richardson Pond. Pam wondered if there has been a hydraulic study to show that the proposed culvert is an appropriate size, and she suggested that it might be the time to go for a larger size. It was also mentioned that the culvert should provide for animal crossing. John will write a note to DES. **Marika Wilde made a motion to have John write a memo to DOT inquiring as to the**

**appropriate size of the culvert. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

- i) Signs for big trees on public lands? **Pam Failing made a motion to expend up to \$100 for signs to mark the big trees. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - j) June 1: concerts at BES, we should have that meeting elsewhere or different date Pam will check to see if the American Legion is available.
  - k) Treasurer's report (Pam)
  - l) Legislative updates (Ken)
  - m) Other business that may come before the commission  
Calef Preserve. Dan Ayer reported that Bud Kessler said it's not stabilized and seeded between his barn and the gate where the contractor went in. If this remains a concern after the snow melts, Bud's complaint should go to NRCS to contact the contractor. Dan will check the area later in the season.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) DES: approval of Dredge & Fill for Hale, Weeks Ln.
  - b) Fields Pond Foundation: notice of receipt of \$5000 towards Barr project **Pam Failing made a motion for the BCC (conservation fund) to accept the \$5000 grant from the Fields Pond Foundation for the Barr project. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - c) SELT Views
  - d) SELT will monitor Goodwill aerially
  - e) Saving Special Places, April 8
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: April 7

*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) 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) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible (John)
  - ii) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
- d) Annual reports for town owned conservation lands (from March 16)
- e) March 1, 2018: BES unavailable

**Pam Failing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50. Anne Melvin 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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