

Conservation Commission
May 18, 2017, 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
 Pam Failing, Vice-chair
 Marika Wilde
 Anne Melvin
 Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison
 Doug Bogen, alternate

ABSENT: Glenn Gould, Alternate
 Ken Grossman

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of May 18, 2017 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings Reported were a woodchuck, fisher, turkeys, immature bald eagle, a lesser scaup, and a doe. Doug did a bird walk in Rochester and sighted/heard over 80 birds.
- 2) Guests none
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of May 4 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4. 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 for Calef Preserve Pam submitted the plans to town planner Marcia Gasses. Marcia looked at the site with Casey O'Brien and John Huckins, and she recommended that the project not go forward as presented because the site is so wet. Dave Allain met Marcia at the site another day, and he flagged the edge and where no disturbance should be. He also explained to Marcia that it is not a jurisdictional wetland. Following this, Marcia suggested Pam plan according to what is flagged, and Pam will be conferring with Dave to adjust plans. Peter Cook also

looked at the site and doesn't think a culvert is a good idea. Dan Ayer expressed concerns and suggested doing a dredge and fill and putting in stone. John mentioned that the CC has put up to \$15,000 for the parking area, and Dan commented that dredging and putting in stone should not exceed \$15,000. Pam feels that the extra expense of dredge and fill would not improve the parking area; she does not want to change the existing hydrology and would like to keep the work simple with the least disturbance. She will be submitting a different layout for the parking area.

- b) Oyster River Culvert on Topaz Dr: The town has applied for funding from New England Forests and Rivers Fund
 - c) policy on town-owned conservation lands The Selectmen approved this.
 - d) Gates on Calef John stated that the NRCS is going to put a gate up at the far end of the property.
 - e) Goals for 2017
 - f) Dan Ayer reported on his dispute with his neighbor, some of which involves wetland buffer violations. He is awaiting the court's judgment.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Planning Board:
 - b) Minimum expedited wetland permit: Kraft, Scruton Pond Rd., Map 218 lot 2
Max wetland impact 1700 sf This application involves two wetland crossings; the first crossing requires no culvert, and the 2nd crossing would require a 24" culvert. It is a maximum of 1700 sf wetland impact. This plan should be reviewed by IRLAC as it appears to be less than ¼ mile from the Isinglass. The town ordinance requests a minimum of 100' from the Isinglass. After discussion and review of the plans the BCC accepted the permit. **Pam Failing made a motion to have John sign the minimum expedited wetland permit. John Wallace seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** John signed the permit.
 - c) Reports on Saving Special Places meeting (John) One session John attended dealt with understanding and using resilience data in land protection. It covered how species redistribute in climatic change situations and how this is affected by physical diversity of landscaped and local and regional connectedness. John shared a map that shows Barrington's resilience landscape with physical diversity. The second workshop was on sleuthing out title and hazardous waste issues in regards to conservation properties. Another session covered appraisals in acquiring conservation land. John mentioned that (fortunately) many of the conservation projects now done in town are handled by SELT or a like organization, and the land trusts have the expertise to handle the appraisals and title searches.
 - d) Treasurer's report (Pam) There is money in the SATWaSR fund, and this could be used for materials and the trails work on this parcel.
 - e) Legislative updates (Ken)

- f) Other business that may come before the commission Dan said there is a demand for a place where the public can put yard waste. The group suggested that Amy Antonucci be a contact person if this goes forward for discussion.
- 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: June 1, **American Legion**

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) 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) update Town Forest management plan (Ken)
 - vi) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible (John)
 - vii) establish ties with Lakes Associations
 - viii) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
- c) March 1, 2018: BES unavailable

Pam Failing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18. Marika Wilde 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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