

Conservation Commission
June 1, 2017, 6:30 PM
American Legion, 731 Franklin Pierce HWY

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Marika Wilde
Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison (7:12)

ABSENT: Anne Melvin
Doug Bogen, alternate
Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of June 1, 2017 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings Fred Bussiere reported an early morning fox, and Marika had ants in her mailbox.
- 2) Guests Fred Bussiere shared maps of the Haley property which abuts Goodwill. (tax map 240 lot 7 map 249 lot 18, 95 total acres) He stated that the Haleys would prefer to have it conserved, and he feels they would be willing to explore this possibility. John will be contacting SELT to ascertain its interest in conserving this property. Fred will contact Jim Haley about the history of trying to get WRP (Wetlands Reserve Program) funds for the property.
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of May 18 **Marika Wilde made a motion to approve the minutes of May 18 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 – new plan Pam reviewed new plan options. The best option seems to be moving the large boulders and putting in 4-5 parking areas right along the ROW. John mentioned that this plan would be cheaper and easier to do. Pam will put this plan together to present to the PB. Dan

expressed concerns with the water flow and questioned if adding the parking area would increase the water. Pam feels the proposed work will not significantly change the existing hydrology.

- b) Goals for 2017
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18 This was discussed above.
 - b) Planning Board:
 - c) Reports on Dover's Endangered Waters meeting (John) John attended this meeting and mentioned to the gathering that a significant portion of the drinking water for other towns comes from or passes through Barrington. He said it was well received to have Dover and Rochester contribute to projects in Barrington that would help supply water to those towns.
 - d) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - e) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - f) Other business that may come before the commission
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) DES:
 - b) Hikes on Barr property June 3
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...Some members of the Trails Committee have installed a new kiosk on Route 125 at the SATWaSR parking area.
- 9) Easements:
 - a) Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed. John will contact Peter about this. Pam suggested that the Scouts might assist with the cleanup.
 - b) White Crest done
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: June 15

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

Marika Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Pam Failing 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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