

Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2017, 6:30 PM  
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

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

ABSENT:                      Anne Melvin  
                                    Glenn Gould, alternate  
                                    Ken Grossman

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of June 15, 2017 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings    Mentioned were a spotted turtle, nesting loons, a musk turtle, 33 species of birds on the Barr property, a hermit thrush nest, a scarlet tanager, a pileated woodpecker, and an opossum.    Marika shared the unfortunate story of baby phoebes that fell out of a nest and didn't survive.    An adult fox and pups made an appearance at the meeting.
- 2) Guests: none
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of June 1    **Pam Failing made a motion to approve the minutes of June 1 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 – new plan    Pam is working on a final plan (moving the large boulders and putting in 4-5 parking areas right along the ROW) with a map and notes, and she will give this to Marcia and have it ready to present at

the next Planning Board. The CC gave approval for Pam to go ahead with the plans as presented.

- ii) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18 John contacted SELT, and Duane Hyde expressed interest in conserving the property. Duane suggested putting a conservation easement on the property except for a five acre (buildable) lot. Various options for conservation were discussed. John expected that the CC would be willing to expend around \$50,000 toward an easement on the property, and he feels that LCHIP funding is a possibility as well as ARM funding. John will go back to SELT, Jim Haley and Fred Bussiere to discuss the possibility of a contribution of approximately \$50,000 from the CC fund.
- iii) Hussey properties, tax map 210 lots 44 & 57 (200 acres) The proposed plan is to put an easement on 100 acres and have 100 acres in a conservation subdivision, with 50 acres of this subdivision also in conservation. This would be a total of 150 acres in conservation and 50 acres in lots. The planners are talking with WRE and would like an endorsement from the BCC for this proposal. The BCC concurred that it could endorse this plan.

b) Goals for 2017

6) New Business:

- a) Planning Board: John will check with Marcia to see if the CC could work on/ review the Natural Resources chapter of the Master Plan.
- b) Diberto properties: Tax map 213 lots 6 & 24 46 acres on Long Pond (Sloper Rd access) Bob Diberto contacted John and the town about the possibility of conserving two lots totaling 46 acres, including 1500 feet of frontage on Long Pond. John suggested a site walk and he will try to schedule one.
- c) Driveway permits for Goodwill (Rte 9) and SATWaSR (Rte 125) John has applied for driveway permits for both Goodwill and SATWaSR.
- d) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- e) Legislative updates (Ken)
- f) Summer meeting schedule Pam will check with the American Legion to find out if the Legion hall can be used during the summer. John will not here for the July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings, and it was suggested that the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting be skipped.
- g) Other business that may come before the commission

7) Announcements/correspondence:

- a) DES: ARM publication, "Beyond the Beaver Dam"

8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,... Trail signs are starting to go up at SATWaSR.

9) Easements:

- a) Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed – schedule cleanup? John will contact Emerald Acres people to ask for their assistance with the clean up.
- b) Warren/Brasen Hill done

10) Next scheduled meeting: July 6 with location to be determined

*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 8:20. Doug Bogen 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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