

Conservation Commission
August 17, 2017 6:30 PM
American Legion, 731 Franklin Pierce HWY
NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION, FOR SUMMER MEETINGS ONLY

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Anne Melvin
Marika Wilde
Doug Bogen, alternate
Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison (at 6:55)

ABSENT: Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of August 17, 2017 to order at 6:30.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Chair John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above, and special mention was made that Pam arrived early.

- 1) Sightings Spotted were a doe with two fawns, red foxes, a flock of great egrets on the Scruton Pond Road marsh, snakes, a raccoon, a porcupine, and a dead opossum.
- 2) Guests: Stephen Jeffery, Denise Hart & Michael Moroukian; Denise and Michael presented their plan to conserve their “back lot” (6.84 acres) located on France Road. It was determined that the lot is not large enough to merit an easement, so they hope to put a deed restriction on the property for conservation purposes. It was noted that this property abuts the conservation easement of Stephen Jeffery and rates high on the co-occurrence map. Denise and Michael are planning to sell their property, and since they intend to move they would like the BCC to hold the conservation deed restriction. This would need Selectmen approval. John would like to get more details from Duane Hyde on how this method of deed restriction works before writing a recommendation of support to the Selectmen. The CC is unanimous in its support of the concept and would like to explore this conservation option further. A special CC meeting will be held next Thursday (August 24, 7:00 pm) to further discuss this plan and vote a recommendation to the Selectmen.
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of August 3 This was tabled until the next meeting.

5) Old Business

a) Conservation Projects:

i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:

(1) Parking area – new plan Pam is finalizing the plans.

ii) Rubenstein Estate property, 37 acres off of Richardson Dr. The CC is supportive of the conservation of this land and encourages SELT in this effort.

iii) Barr property: received \$10,000 from Bafflin Foundation

b) Driveway permits for Goodwill (Rte 9): needs to be moved 33' further west

c) Town-owned properties added to Stonehouse Forest project This has not had a final decision. John would like Duane Hyde to attend a Selectmen's meeting to speak to the issue.

d) Goals for 2017

6) New Business:

a) Planning Board:

i) Daigle, Lee Rd., map 250 lot 109: 2-lot subdivision. This has received a variance from ZBA for a back lot. The group reviewed the plans, and John mentioned that the wetland and wetland buffer will need to be delineated. The plans will be redone before going to the PB. The group decided there were no recommendations or concerns.

ii) Svenson, Route 9, Map 239 lot 2 and 235 lot 1: lot line revision. A thank you to Marcia for the outlined map. The group reviewed the plans and decided there were no recommendations or concerns.

iii) Haley, Hall Rd., Map 269 lot 7: 2 lot subdivision. Part of the proposed lot is in Nottingham and part of the lot is wetland reserve easement. Pam would like the building setback lines along the wetland buffer to be clearly delineated on site by the wetland scientist at the site prior to issuing the building permit. John will put this in a memo to the PB. Pam reiterated that new lots created should not be in need of waivers from the PB. John will write a memo to the PB expressing the commission's concerns.

iv) O'Connell, French Mill Rd., map 216 lots 28, 29, & 31: lot line adjustment. Mr. O'Connell is wishing to donate a portion of his land to SELT and keep a few acres of his house lot from the donation. However, a lot line revision will not work because there is no road frontage. The owner will continue to pursue a way to work with SELT. The group decided there were no recommendations or concerns.

b) Payment for "No Parking Dusk to Dawn" signs on Goodwill SATWaSR – from Conservation Fund? The police will check on the legality of posting to verify if they can enforce the signs. **Pam Failing made a motion to pay from the Conservation Fund for the "No Parking Disk to Dawn" signs at the Goodwill and SATWaSR areas. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

- c) Template for reports on town-owned conservation lands Anne has offered to work on a template.
- d) Write a letter of thanks to the Legion Marika will be writing a thank you letter.
- e) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- f) Legislative updates (Ken)
- g) Other business that may come before the commission: Wetland Permit for Rochester waterline Pam reviewed the plans and feels there are still questions and concerns regarding wetland impact. **John Wallace made a motion to have Pam Failing write a letter to DES expressing CC concerns regarding the wetlands permit application for the Rochester waterline. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).**
- 7) Announcements/correspondence: Eversource is doing work along the powerline.
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements:
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: September 7 There will be a special meeting next week (Thursday) to discuss the Hart/Moroukian plan.

Items remaining on agenda, but not expected to be discussed at this meeting:

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Stonehouse Forest
 - ii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
 - iii) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18
 - iv) Hussey properties, tax map 210 lots 44 & 57
 - v) Diberto properties: Tax map 213 lots 6 & 24 46 acres on Long Pond (Sloper Rd access)
- 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 9:10. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

NOTE: THESE ARE SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES ONLY. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE MEETING AUDIO IS AVAILABLE AT THE LAND USE DEPARTMENT.