

## Barrington Conservation Commission

September 7, 2017 6:30 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair  
Pam Failing, Vice-chair  
Anne Melvin  
Marika Wilde

ABSENT: Glenn Gould, alternate  
Ken Grossman  
Doug Bogen, alternate  
Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison

### CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of September 7, 2017 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings Reported were deer, a monarch butterfly, monarch caterpillars, and a mother bear with two cubs on SATWaSR. And, thanks to guest Mr. Gould, there was discussion about honeybees.
- 2) Guests: Pete Gould 129 Pond Hill Road wetland permit by notification The Goulds shared the history of the pond on their property. They stated that in 1992 they obtained a permit to dig a fire pond, and over the years they have had permits to dredge and clean as the pond filled in with vegetation. In 2010 they acquired a permit to enlarge the pond. It is now starting to fill in, and the intent is to clean out some of the vegetation, not to increase the size. The group discussed and reviewed the plans. **Pam Failing made a motion to move in concurrence with the permit. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.** John signed the permit.
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of August 3, 17, 24 The approval of Aug. 3 minutes was tabled until the next meeting.  
**Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of August 17, as amended, and August 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 – Pam shared the parking area plans and mentioned that Dave Allain flagged the seasonal wet area. The plans show that this area will not be impacted. It's anticipated that the town road crew will be able to do the work with any expenses for material coming from the Conservation Fund. The plans will be presented at the next PB meeting.

ii) Stonehouse Forest: walks with SELT, Sat at 9 & 12:30 John Scruton and the Selectmen will be starting the process to get the bond money.

iii) Hussey properties, tax map 210 lots 44 & 57 Tentative plans previously discussed at a CC meeting do not seem to be going forward.

iv) Barr property: parking issue The new property owners have requested that there be no parking in front of the house and that visitors not walk through the fields adjoining the house which are not part of the easement. Until a parking area is put in parking will be along the road before the house.

b) Driveway for Goodwill Conservation Area needs to be moved 33' further west John met with Norway Plains to start the process for a design to move the driveway and improve the parking lot. Pam suggested getting a cost for the Norway Plains services.

c) Template for reports on town-owned conservation lands (Anne) There was discussion about what would go on a report for town-owned conserved lands. Town sponsored walks and activities, noted public usage, wildlife sightings, and trail maintenance were mentioned as noteworthy for the report. John mentioned that a template might not be necessary, but a report on each property open to public use would suffice.

d) Town-owned properties added to Stonehouse Forest project: On 9/25 there will be a meeting with the Selectmen to discuss adding the properties to Stonehouse Forest, and Duane Hyde will attend.

e) Hart/Maroukian The proposal for a BCC held deed restriction has been dropped.

f) Goals for 2017

## 6) New Business:

### a) Planning Board:

b) ZBA: Variance from front, back and side setbacks, Edwards, Map 11 lot 16 The group reviewed the plans and decided there were no recommendations or concerns.

c) Dredge and Fill permit application: Gould, 129 Pond Hill Rd. This was covered above.

d) Treasurer's report (Pam) Pam reported as of July 17 there was \$355,302.77 in the Conservation Fund.

e) Legislative updates (Ken)

- f) Other business that may come before the commission
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
  - a) Signage on SATWaSR is completed (for now)
  - b) New (replaces, mostly) signs on the Pooh Trail
  - c) NHACC meeting, Nov 4
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: John monitored Lakeview Estates. John noticed cutting had been done within the easement, but there had been no permission from the CC. This will go before the Selectmen.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: September 21

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
  - i) Diberto properties: Tax map 213 lots 6 & 24 46 acres on Long Pond (Sloper Rd access)
  - ii) Rubenstein Estate property, 37 acres off of Richardson Dr.
  - iii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
  - iv) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18
- 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 8:30. Marika Wilde 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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