

# Isinglass Protection Committee

## Minutes (in blue)

April 15, 2013

Early Childhood Learning Center

Ramsdell Lane

7pm

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Present: Jim Conley, Elizabeth Doran Healey, Anne Melvin, Gail Darrell, Russ Brackett, John Wallace and Cilia Bannenberg

**Agenda item:** Elect officers.

*The Committee's members are: Jim Conley, Beth Doran Healey, Anne Melvin, Russ Brackett, John Wallace and Cilia Bannenberg*

*Jim Conley volunteered to be Chair*

*Cilia will write minutes for now*

**Agenda item:** Name Committee.

*Isinglass Protection Committee*

**Agenda item:** How well is the Isinglass and for that matter any natural water system in Barrington protected from harm under current law?

The NH Protected River status currently prohibits;

- 1) animal slaughtering facilities
- 2) deposit of heavy metals, toxic waste. *Define heavy metals*

Anyone interested in viewing these in writing can google; NH Protected River program and look it up under Isinglass.

What other protections are in place? Like set backs etc. Land in conservation?

*The Committee discussed Article 11 of the Barrington zoning ordinance, The River Management Plan, [VRAPP@fs.fed.us](mailto:VRAPP@fs.fed.us), DES regulations, Conservation easements, Current use, Strafford Regional Planning.*

*No Dams are allowed*

**Agenda item:** What do we want to protect?

*The River Corridor eco system*

*Quality of life*

*Esthetics/rural character*

*Natural Resources*

*Forests/Rivers/Ponds*

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**Agenda item:** Make a list of what harms the community would protect against if it were unrestricted by land use regulations that allow "any legal use".

*Commercial Dumping*

*Unsustainable Development*

*Resource Extraction*

**Agenda item:** Corporations have more rights in our town than you and we do. Why is this a problem and what can we do about it? Communities who face some kind of harm often hold a **Democracy School** training in order to learn the history of the Law. Corporations have the rights of "persons" without any of the responsibilities. How did this happen? The **Green Hill Road neighborhood** wants to host a Democracy School to educate the town about the structure of law that denies us the rights we thought we had. Gail Darrell from celdf.org will explain about Democracy School.

*Gail explained DS.*

*The Committee decided on the weekend of Friday June 7 from 6-9pm and Saturday June 8 from 9am-5pm for Democracy School). We need about 25 people to attend. The cost will be around \$130 pp. It will be Potluck. Place to be determined.*

*Russ Brackett and Cilia Bannenberg will take care of the registration for DS. The cancel deadline is May 23, two weeks prior to the start of the DS.*

*There will not be a meeting before the DS. Gail Darrell will send the Committee a template, to be used to write the ordinance, which the Committee will start writing after DS.*

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Cilia Bannenberg*

*Isinglass Protection Committee member*