



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MILLO'S PIZZA & GRILL  
575 FRANKLIN PIERCE HIGHWAY  
BARRINGTON, NH**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

- PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chair  
Peter Sandin  
Anne Melvin, Alternate  
Clayton Carl, Alternate
- ABSENT:** Pam Failing, Vice-Chair  
Glenn Gould
- GUESTS:** Peter Nourse; City Engineer; City of Rochester, NH 03868  
Christopher M. Silke., P.E; Wright Pierce Engineering; 230 Commerce  
Way, Suite 302; Portsmouth, NH 03801
- STAFF:** Gregory M. Jones, Transcriptionist

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair J. Wallace called the meeting of January 9, 2012 to order at 7:20 p.m.

**1. DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

Chair J. Wallace confirmed the presence of members as stated above

**2. GUESTS**

**A. Peter Nourse – City of Rochester pipe repair near Dry Hill Road.**

Peter Nourse, the City of Rochester's Engineer, approached the Commission regarding a need to repair a surficial crack in a 24 inch cast iron pipe connecting Barrington's Round Pond to the Rochester Reservoir. The leak is located in the area of Barrington's Dry Hill Road and is located within 800 feet of a Prime Wetland. The leak is in a wetland and results in loss of water resources.

P. Nourse informed the Commission that after discussion with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), it was determined that a Permit by Notification (PBN) would be required due to the temporary 8,000 square feet of wetland impacts which would occur during the repair. The plan will utilize a sand-bag coffer dam system to pump water out of the work area. Nourse stated that the work is proposed to be completed during the winter of 2012 to minimize wetland impacts and will be completed in 10-14 days with all efforts to minimize tree removal. Nourse stated that discussions with the property owner have indicated verbal approval and that formal written approval is expected in the near future. The work for this project would be performed by the City's Emergency Services Contractor, Wright-Pierce Engineering (230 Commerce Way, Suite 302; Portsmouth, NH 03801).

Christopher M. Silke., P.E (Wright Pierce Engineering; 230 Commerce Way, Suite 302; Portsmouth, NH 03801), approached the Commission to present a copy of the Permit by Notification documents for review. Silke stated that the only outstanding item is the abutter's notice receipts which will be acquired in the coming days.

A discussion ensued among the Commissioners and all agreed that the project will improve the environment and eliminate the waste of usable water resources. The Commission agreed that once the required abutter's notice receipts are included in the application, the Chair can be empowered sign the application. A letter of approval from the Conservation Commission to NHDES will be forthcoming.

**A. Melvin Motioned to empower the Chair to sign the City of Rochester's application for a NHDES Permit by Notification upon inclusion of abutter's notice receipt's. P. Sandin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

#### **B. Dan Howard – Tamposi Conservation Easement Management Plan**

Dan Howard approached the Board with regard to the Tamposi Conservation Easement Management Plan which he has been hired to complete for the Conservation Commission and Land Use Department. Howard proposed to the Commission that an Executive Summary be the main focus of this project in order to create a usable document that guides the Commission and its future evolution of property management for the lands prior to funds being encumbered in March of 2012.

Chair J. Wallace stated that he would be comfortable with the generation of an Executive Summary of existing conditions, recommendations for future management practices and the re-formatting of existing document to be made available for reference. The Commission agreed and identified a need to investigate the possibility of future assistance in writing a forestry management chapter.

#### **C. Paul Morrison, Barrington SnowGoers**

Chair J. Wallace apologized to the Commission for the unanticipated change of meeting location which was unfortunately not transmitted to Mr. Morrison.

### **3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

#### **A. Conservation Commission Minutes of November 28, 2012**

**C. Carl motioned to approve the Barrington Conservation Commission meeting minutes of November 28, 2011 as amended. P. Sandin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

**B. Conservation Commission Minutes of January 9, 2012**

**A. Melvin motioned to approve the Barrington Conservation Commission meeting minutes of November 9, 2012 as amended. Chair J. Wallace seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

**4. COMPLAINTS**

There were no complaints at this time.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Purchase of Leahy land (abuts SATWaSR): 42 acres: need for appraisal**

Wallace reminded the Commission that Heath Appraisal Services (14 Everett Street, Manchester, NH 03104-2462) was selected to complete the summary appraisal work at the cost of \$1,800.00. Wallace informed the Commission that the appraisal work is underway. There were no further updates.

**B. George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass**

Chair J. Wallace reminded the Commission that it voted in the affirmative to expend conservation funds for the purchase of fifty (50) percent of the cost of the update of an appraisal for the 300 acre Calef property up to \$2,000.00. Wallace informed the Commission that the appraisal work is underway. There were no further updates.

**C. Changing meeting day?**

The Commission discussed the possibility is changing its regular meeting day and possibly location to allow for the possibility of receiving a Board of Selectmen liaison. The Commission agreed that the first and third Thursday of the month at the Barrington Public Library (105 Ramsdell Lane, Barrington, NH 03825) would be acceptable. A final determination is pending.

**D. Town Conservation priorities, updating town co-occurrence map**

The Town Conservation priorities town-co-occurrence map was presented to the Commission for review. The Map was prepared by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (150 Wakefield Street, Suite 12 Rochester, NH 03867). Chair J. Wallace stated that the plan has been provided electronically and urged the Commissioners to review for completeness and accuracy.

**E. SATWaSR Stewardship**

See Item 2 above.

**F. White Crest Conservation easement deed contains errors (with town counsel)**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the issue with deed language is progressing and further updates will be forthcoming.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Proposed Disc Golf site, Brooks Road**

Chair J. Wallace stated that the applicant for a proposed disc golf course on Brooks Road has requested that the Commission offer a letter a recommendation to the Planning Board in order to seek a waiver of full survey requirements for the property. The applicant has indicated that a wetland scientist has delineated on-site wetlands and environmental impact will be minimal as a result of the project. Wallace informed the members that a site visit will occur during the upcoming week an urged them to attend if possible.

### **B. Web Site**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that member Glenn Gould is willing to take on the responsibility of maintaining the group's website.

### **C. Planning Board updates**

#### **I. Convenience store/gas station on Route 125**

A. Melvin recused from discussion.

The Commission reviewed submitted materials for a proposed Convenience store and gas station on Route 125. The Commission expressed general concern with the prospect of another gas station on-top of the town's stratified drift aquifer.

#### **II. Midpoint Properties (Route 4): add storage facility and office space to PBS plastics**

The Commission reviewed submitted materials for a site plan application and Conditional Use Permit application for the construction of a 9,205 square foot warehouse and a 1,200 square foot office addition to the existing 7,200 square foot light manufacturing metal frame building which houses PBS Plastics at 219 Old Concord Turnpike. The redevelopment will increase on-site impervious surface, require drainage alterations, demolition and construction activities within close proximity wetlands.

The Commission expressed an interest in ensuring that water quality will not be affected within the Oyster River, Caldwell Brook and surrounding watershed. The Commission agreed that the Oyster River Local Advisory Committee should be notified.

#### **III. The Oaks on 4: four lot residential Subdivision with one mixed use lot**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that a new application was forwarded to him regarding a proposal for a four lot Subdivision. Three of the lots will be residential and the fourth lot will be mixed use on a 16 acre site located at 172 Old Concord Turnpike (Route 4).

#### **IV. Associated Buyers Inc/Stepping Stone Farm: Three Phase Power Installation**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that another new application was forwarded to him regarding a Request by applicant for a waiver to install above ground three phase power to an existing business on a 4.36 acre site located at 50 Commerce Way. The Commission had no comments.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Hike/Snow-shoe on SATWaSR, Jan 29**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission of a Hike/Snow-Shoe event on the Tamposi conservation easement (SATWaSR) scheduled for January 29, 2012.

### **B. BCC school outreach project**

A. Melvin stated that she will be proposing the formulation of a program in partnership with the Barrington schools to utilize the environmental for educational purposes and accomplish desired public outreach.

### **B. DES:**

#### ***I. Restoration report received for Coachmen Estates, approved***

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission of correspondence from NHDES relative to an approved restoration plan.

## **8. EASEMENTS**

### **A. Gerrior easement – notes from Sievert**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that further discussions with the Town Administrator, Code Enforcement Officer and downstream abutter from the Gerrior Development Site have occurred. Wallace stated that the Town Administrator's position is that the issue is now Civil as the project in questions has been approved.

### **B. Remediation of SATWaSR violation**

There were no updates at this time.

### **C. Schultz/Carbone easement survey delineation**

The Commission agreed to seek advice from Dave Mott regarding this Item.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Natural Heritage Committee**

Nothing to report at this time

### **B. Other meetings – Town Forest Task Force, SATWaSR Stewardship group, BOSC, IRLAC, Water Resources, ORWA, Cochecho River WA, etc.**

Nothing to report at this time

**10. MINUTES OF TOWN BOARDS**

**A. Selectmen: 10/17 & 10/24**

Nothing to report

**B. Planning Board**

Nothing to report

**C. ZBA**

Nothing to report

**D. NHC**

Nothing to report

**11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next scheduled meeting of the Barrington Conservation Commission is scheduled for February 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Early Childhood Learning Center.

**P. Sandin motioned to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of January 23, 2012 at 9:27 p.m. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory M. Jones  
Transcriptionist