



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
105 RAMSDELL LANE  
BARRINGTON, NH**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

John Wallace, Chair  
Pam Failing, Vice-Chair  
Glenn Gould  
Clayton Carl, Alternate

**ABSENT:**

Peter Sandin  
Anne Melvin, Alternate

**GUESTS:**

Kevin McEneaney; Strafford Rivers Conservancy; P.O. Box 623 Dover,  
New Hampshire 03821-0623  
Tara Baker; Director; Barrington Recreation Department  
Marika Wilde; Barrington Natural Heritage Committee  
Cindy Harrington; Swains Lake Association; 4 Big Rock Lane  
Barrington, NH 03825

**STAFF:**

Gregory M. Jones, Transcriptionist

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair J. Wallace called the meeting of March 15, 2012 to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

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

## **2. GUESTS**

### **A. Kevin McEneaney, Strafford Rivers Conservancy: sign on Goodwill**

Kevin McEneaney (Strafford Rivers Conservancy; P.O. Box 623Dover, New Hampshire 03821-0623), President of the Strafford Rivers Conservancy, approached the Commission to present a proposed design alteration for signage at the Goodwill conservation area. The Strafford Rivers Conservancy holds the conservation easement on the property.

McEneaney stated that the proposed alteration would include the addition of a pitched roof utilizing cedar shingles to protect against the elements and an acrylic glass box to house items such as information packets for visitors. McEneaney stated that the proposed work would be of no cost to the town of Barrington and that all labor and materials would be supplied by donation.

Vice-Chair P. Failing suggested that the Conservancy investigate the possibility of adding an additional “mailbox” type kiosk at an alternate location to house items such as information packets for visitors. McEneaney stated that he will look into this request.

J. Wallace suggested that the sign be fitted with an arrow to direct visitors to the conservation area’s parking lot. Wallace advised that any alteration to the sign will likely require review by the Planning Board. McEneaney stated that he will address the potential need for Planning Board review of the proposed signage alteration.

### **B. Tara Barker, Barrington Recreation Department: collaborations?**

Barrington Recreation Department Director Tara Barker approached the Board to discuss the possibility of cooperating with the Conservation Commission to initiate an outdoor hiking program with the Barrington Elementary School. Barker stated that she was contacted by a representative from the school and asked to speak with both the Conservation Commission and the Barrington Natural Heritage Committee.

Barker informed the Commission that the Recreation Department would provide staffing and student transportation for the program; she also noted that there is a need for guidance once in the field as staff are unfamiliar with some of the town trails.

The Conservation Commission members agreed that the project is very appealing and they wish to work with the Recreation Department and Elementary School to coordinate the program.

### **C. Keith Pratt, selectman: Proposed sale of part of Clarke-Goodwill property**

Board of Selectmen Chair Keith Pratt approached the Commission to discuss the proposed donation of a portion of the thirty (30) acre town owned land known as the Clark-Goodwill site (Map 234/Lot 1) to Turbocam International (607 Calef Highway Barrington, NH 03825) as part of the Board of Selectmen economic development initiative. Pratt explained that Turbocam has expressed an interest in expanding its operations in Barrington and is interested in working with the town to find an arrangement that benefits all parties involved.

Pratt stated that a conceptual plan has been prepared which subdivides the thirty (30) acre parcel into 5 lots. Pratt informed the Commission that town will retain three of these lots (14 acres) for municipal uses

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to be determined. In addition, Pratt explained that the town would also seek to retain a portion of the valuable gravel which exists on-site. Pratt opined that the project presents a unique opportunity for the town to increase its tax revenue while retaining resources and gaining valuable municipal lots. Pratt explained that there is currently no final agreement, public hearings are required pursuant to state statutes and assured the Commission that Turbocam will complete all required permitting, subdivision and site plan review processes at the appropriate time.

Chair J. Wallace directed the members to the Town Planner's March 6, 2012 Memorandum regarding the sale of this town owned land. The memorandum conveyed a request from the Town Administrator and Planner for a Conservation Commission recommendation for the sale of this property under RSA 41:14-a.

**Vice-Chair P. Failing made a motion to empower the Chair to generate a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating that the Commission has no objection at this point to the donation of part of the town owned land known as the Clark-Goodwill property (Map 234/Lot1) to Turbocam International. The Commission will review the environmental ramifications if and when it goes through the subdivision process. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

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

#### **A. Conservation Commission Minutes of February 16, 2012**

**G. Gould made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2012 as amended. Vice-Chair P. Failing seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

#### **B. Conservation Commission Minutes of March 8, 2012**

**C. Carl made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2012 as amended. G. Gould seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

### **4. COMPLAINTS**

#### **A. Town cutting on Young Rd, Denise Hart**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that a complaint was submitted by Denise Hart for the clear-cutting of vegetation next to Swains Lake on Young road by the Barrington Highway Department. After reading Hart's complaint letter, Cindy Harrington of the Swains Lake Association approached the Commission to express concern over the current maintenance practices as well.

P. Failing opined that the clear cutting of the areas in question promotes erosion by damaging the very vegetation which holds the thin strip of soil in place at this section of the roadway, in addition to taking away valuable nutrient/Non-Point Source pollution uptake and potential wildlife habitat.

Wallace informed the Commission it was his understanding that the cutting occurred to improve sight lines and access for fishermen. Wallace informed the Commission further that after some investigation, it was determined that the work was completed within the road right-of-way and therefore did not violate the State Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act or the town's Shoreland Overlay District regulations.

The Commission delegated Chair J. Wallace to generate a letter to the town's Highway Department to address the issue.

**P. Failing made a motion to empower Chair J. Wallace to generate a letter to the town Highway Department to express its concern with the current maintenance practices and request that a more acceptable approach be implemented to alleviate concerns of both the Commission and members of the Swains Lake Association and public. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

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

There were no updates at this time.

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

There were no updates at this time.

### **C. New town co-occurrence map - what to do with it?**

The Board agreed to review the updated co-occurrence map at a later date.

### **D. SATWaSR Management Plan – need more revision? What to do with it?**

The Board agreed to review the updated SATWaSR Management Plan individually and report back to the group at a later date.

### **E. Bill from Doucet Survey – waiting for amendment of deed to be finalized**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that he suggested some minor revisions to the deed language which were made and asked that the final plan references be updated.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Proposed sale of part of Clark-Goodwill property to Turbocam**

See Item 2C above

### **B. Planning Board Updates**

#### **i. Tropic Star Convenience store/gas station (Route 125)**

The Board reviewed the Land Use Office case file for this project. After some discussion, the Board agreed to empower the Chair to express the Commission's concerns for the project and surrounding environment at the Planning Board's next public hearing where this project is to be discussed.

#### **ii. Four lot subdivision Rte 4**

The project was conditionally approved at the Planning Board meeting of March 6, 2012.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Workshop “Planning for our Local Water Supply” 3/22, 9:00am - 3:00pm**

Chair J. Wallace reminded the Commission of the March 22, 2012 “Planning for our Local Water Supply” workshop to be held at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission offices at the Rochester Community Center from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

### **B. Strafford Rivers Conservancy’s Annual Meeting, 3/29**

Chair J. Wallace reminded the Commission of the March 29, 2012 Strafford Rivers Conservancy’s annual meeting.

### **C. Town Annual Reports**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Town’s Annual Report has been issued and is available for review.

### **D. DES:**

#### **i. Approval of after-the fact permit and restoration plan for City of Rochester’s wetlands impact near Dry Hill Road.**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Land Use Office has received the state permit information for the above referenced project.

#### **ii. Approval of Light wetlands application (Keliher Road)**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Land Use Office has received the state permit information for the above referenced project.

#### **iii. Approval of Bingham wetlands application (Scruton Pond Road)**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Land Use Office has received the state permit information for the above referenced project.

## **8. EASEMENTS**

### **A. Monitoring report for Chase easement (from SPNHF)**

Chair J. Wallace supplied the Commission with the monitoring report for the above referenced conservation easement.

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

There were no updates at this time.

### **C. Remediation of SATWaSR violation**

There were no updates at this time.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Committee has recently met and is coordinating for a hike scheduled for May 6, 2012

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

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Oyster River Local Advisory Committee recently met and approved its bylaws.

## **10. MINUTES OF TOWN BOARDS**

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

Minutes were supplied for review by the Commission.

### **B. Planning Board**

Minutes were supplied for review by the Commission.

### **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 April 5, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Barrington Public Library.

**G. Gould made a motion to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of March 15, 2012 at 9:27 p.m. Vice-Chair P. Failing seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory M. Jones  
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