



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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

John Wallace, Chair  
Anne Melvin, Alternate  
Clayton Carl, Alternate

**ABSENT:**

Pam Failing, Vice-Chair  
Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Glenn Gould, Alternate

**GUESTS:**

Mike Speltz; Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests; 54  
Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH 03301  
Marika Wilde; Chairperson; Barrington Natural Heritage Committee  
Denise Hart; Save Our Groundwater; P.O. Box 182 Barrington

**STAFF:**

Gregory M. Jones, Transcriptionist

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair J. Wallace called the meeting of April 5, 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. Mike Speltz, SPNHF**

**A. Melvin made a motion to move to Executive Session considering the upcoming discussion involving the acquisition/sale of property. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

**A. Melvin made a motion to move out of Executive Session. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

**B. Marika Wilde, Natural Heritage Committee**

Marika Wilde, the Chairperson for the Barrington Natural Heritage Committee, approached the Board to inform the Commission that the Save Our Groundwater organization held its Board meeting recently and is cooperation with various groups to protect groundwater. Wilde handed out the latest edition of the Groundwater Times.

Denise Hart, a member of the Save our Groundwater organization and Swains Lake Association, approached the Board to remind members of the USA Springs project and inform them of the company's current bankruptcy status. Hart informed the Commission that a list of the project's permits and associated status has been compiled and is available. Hart encouraged the Commission to talk about the issue locally and ask questions during the upcoming political campaign season.

**C. Denise Hart, Cindy Harrington: Town cutting on Young Rd.**

D. Hart approached the Board to discuss the vegetation removal along Young Road which has been previously discussed by the Board. Hart opined that the Road Agent's response to a previous memo from the Conservation Commission requesting that the removal practices be curtailed was un-satisfactory. The Road Agent stated that the area has been historically maintained in this matter and will continue into the future. Hart stated that a safety issue is now apparent after the removal of this natural vegetative barrier to the lake.

Hart asked that the Commission pursue the issue in order to collaborate with town personnel to protect the lake and ensure roadwork is completed in an ecologically sensitive manner which is compatible with the surrounding environment and known sciences which protect it.

The Commission agreed that the road crews should visit the area in question with less intensity in order to retain the existing vegetation and protect the lake. Chair J. Wallace agreed to draft a second memo to the Road Agent expressing the concerns for vegetation removal activities in this area. The letter will also be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen and Swains Lake Association.

**3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**A. Conservation Commission Minutes of March 15, 2012**

**C. Carl made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2012 as amended. A. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

**4. COMPLAINTS**

No complaints at this time

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Town cutting on Young Road, Denise Hart. Reply from Road Agent Peter Cook**

Addressed under Item 2C

### **B. Purchase of Leahy land (abuts SATWaSR): 42 acres**

Chair Wallace informed the Commission that the appraisal is forthcoming.

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

Addressed under Item 2A

### **D. New co-occurrence map. Need more revision? What to do with it?**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that updated digital town tax parcel information is forthcoming which will aid the Commission in finalizing the town co-occurrence map. The item will be revisited.

A discussion ensued regarding the SATWaSR Management Plan and need for possible updates. The Commission agreed that the possibility of including a forestry management section to the plan is something that warrants investigation. The Commission will re-visit the item.

### **E. Proposed sale of part of Clarke-Goodwill property to Turbocam**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that he attended the most recent Board of Selectmen meeting and re-stated the Commissions comments regarding the sale of this property.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Planning Board updates**

#### **i. Convenience store/gas station (Rte 125) – *cont'd to May***

The Commission had no comments at this time.

#### **ii. Office Building (Glass Lane)**

Chair J. Wallace updated the Commission on the status of this project and potential Special Use Permit to be required. The Commission had no comments at this time.

#### **iii. Warehouse and office, Midpoint Properties (Rte 4)**

The Commission had no comments at this time.

#### **iv. Lenzi Point Rd, Lenzi (Lot Line revision) – *approved***

The Commission had no comments at this time.

v. **Stillwater Way, Towne (revised driveway plan) – *approved***

**B. Report on “Planning for our Local Water Supply” workshop: John, Anne**

Chair J. Wallace reported back to members regarding the Planning for Our Local Water Supply workshop which took place at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. An interesting fact that Wallace noted is that the City of Somersworth has incorporated Low Impact Development (LID) into their Site Plan Regulations. The Commission was interested in discussing similar regulative updates with the Planning Board.

**C. Hosting of Con Comm web site**

Chair J. Wallace stated that G. Gould is addressing the web site item.

**D. Line item in budget for conservation easement monitoring has been halved, to \$2200**

The Commission agreed to address the item when more members are present.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Glenn reappointed as alternate**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that G. Gould has been re-appointed for another term as an alternate Conservation Commission member.

**B. DES**

There was no correspondence from NHDES at this time.

**C. Saving Special Places meeting,**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Saving Special Places conference will be held on April 14, 2012.

**8. EASEMENTS**

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

There was nothing the report at this time.

**B. Remediation of SATWaSR violation**

There was nothing the report at this time.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Natural Heritage Committee**

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

Nothing to report

**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 March 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Barrington Public Library.

**A. Melvin made a motion to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of April 5, 2012 at 9:40 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