



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

**THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chair  
Pam Failing, Vice-Chair  
Anne Melvin  
Clayton Carl, Alternate

**ABSENT:** Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Glenn Gould,

**GUESTS:** None

**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 May 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**

There were no guests.

**3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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**A. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of April 5, 2012**

**A. Melvin made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of April 5, 2012 as amended. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

**B. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of April 19, 2012**

**A. Melvin made a motion to table the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of April 19, 2012 as amended. Vice-Chair P. Failing seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

**C. Conservation Commission Executive Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of April 19, 2012**

**Vice-Chair P. Failing made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012. A. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4), to zero (0) in favor.**

**4. COMPLAINTS**

There were no complaints

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Chair Wallace informed the Commission that the appraisal is still pending.

**B. George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass End of March, \$378,240.20 in Conservation Fund, anticipate ~ \$17,000 from 2011**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that he and Mike Speltz from the Society of the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on May 20, 2012 to discuss potential municipal funding sources for the project.

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that landowner is willing to file a Wetlands Reserve Program application with the Natural Resource Conservation Service in order to pursue future funding resources which may be available through this program.

Vice-Chair P. Failing informed the Commission that she spoke with a neighbor and was informed that issues exist with access to the site and the status of Town Farm Road, which the Commission should consider with this project. The Commission agreed that the issue should be reviewed in order to evaluate its potential impact on the current property assessment.

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

Chair J. Wallace reminded the Board that this Item is tabled until the new digital tax map information is available for review. Wallace did inform the members that he spoke with the Town Clerk and a space exists for the new updated co-occurrence map to be displayed upon completion.

#### **D. SATWaSR Management Plan – Need more revisions – What to do with it?**

Chair J. Wallace stated that the University of New Hampshire has likely completed numerous studies on the property which may be retrievable in digital format. With this information the Commission may be able to complete some of the goals which have been outlined within the Management Plan. The Commission agreed and began to outline the goals which have been identified within the plan and have the potential for completion in the coming months. The goals include:

- Build a trail system on the property and close down trails which are not desired. The Commission agreed that the locations of sensitive areas must be accurately identified in order to avoid impacts associated with pedestrian traffic.
- Blaze trees along the boundary of the property and maintain existing boundary markers to maintain visibility.
- Utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to map attributes of the site such as stands of invasive species and effectiveness of wetland buffers etc.
- Assure that abutting auto business has proper disposal techniques and documentation in place for petroleum bi-products etc.
- Contract a forester to evaluate the property for possible sustainable harvest of timber as a source of revenue to complete a full forest management plan.

The Commission agreed that the items above are priorities which can be accomplished in the near future. The Commission agreed to review the plan further.

#### **E. Proposed sale of part of Clark-Goodwill Property to Turbocam**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that there are no updates for this item at this time. Wallace stated that he will contact the Town Administrator to inquire as to the status of this item.

#### **F. Conservation Easement Monitoring, monitoring budget cut in half from \$4400.00 to \$2200.00**

Chair J. Wallace recused from discussion.

Vice-Chair P. Failing reminded the Commission that at the last meeting, the members decided to prioritize the current properties and review this item further before making a final decision to proceed.

Failing provided the Commission with a list of the twenty one (21) current town-owned conservation easements, date of last monitoring event, and size of parcel etc., for the Boards review in considering the proper action to be taken for this item. At the Commissions last meeting the members decided to prioritize the current properties and review this item further before making a final decision to proceed.

After some discussion the Commission agreed that the monitor will be paid a flat rate of \$20.00 per hour and the following five (5) properties are to be of top priority for the upcoming monitoring season:

- Boodey conservation easement
- Borodaychuck conservation easement
- SATWaSR conservation easement
- Shulz/Legere conservation easement
- Warren conservation easement

Should funds remain after completion of the above referenced priority properties, the Commission agreed that the following properties should be monitored:

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- Falls on the Isinglass conservation easement
- Shultz/Carbone conservation easement
- Lakeview Estates conservation easement
- Turbocam conservation easement
- Whitney/Prantis conservation easement

**Vice Chair P. Failing made a motion to continue utilizing John Wallace as the Conservation Easement Monitor for the Town of Barrington’s conservation easement focusing on the identified ten (10) propriety properties for the upcoming monitoring season at a flat rate of \$20.00 per hour. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3), to zero (0) in favor.**

**G. Citizen Maple Syrup Inquiry – Town owned land – update**

Vice Chair P. Failing informed the Commission that the individual is currently surveying the desired property by aerial photography in order to identify potential tree stands for harvesting of maple sap. Chair J. Wallace stressed the importance that the individual understands that decision to allow this lies in with the Board of Selectmen.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair J. Wallace returned to the discussion.

**A. Anne, Glenn to become full Commissioners**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that A. Melvin, G. Gould have been appointed by the Board of Selectmen as full members. C. Carl stated that he is willing to become a full member.

**B. Planning Board updates**

**i. Convenience store/gas station (Rte. 125) - continued to June 5, 2012**

The Commission had no additional comment on the application at this time.

**ii. Office Building (Glass Lane) - continued to June 5, 2012**

The Commission had no additional comment on the application at this time.

**C. Report on “Saving Special Places” workshop: John, Anne**

Chair J. Wallace and A. Melvin reported back to the Commission after attending the recent “Saving Special Places” workshop. Documents from the workshop are to be generated expeditiously for the Commission’s review. Melvin will report on what she learned at the next meeting.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. DES**

There was nothing to review at this time.

**B. Hike/letterboxing on Town Forest, May 6**

Chair J. Wallace reminded the members that the Hike/letterboxing event will be held on May 6, 2012 at the Barrington Town Forest.

**8. EASEMENTS**

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

There were no updates on this item at this time.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Natural Heritage Committee**

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Natural Heritage Committee will meet on May 4, 2012.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

**10. MINUTES OF TOWN BOARDS**

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

**B. Planning Board**

Chair J. Wallace presented the Planning Board minutes of April .

**C. ZBA**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**D. NHC**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next scheduled meeting of the Barrington Conservation Commission is scheduled for May 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Barrington Public Library.

**C. Carl made a motion to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of May 5, 2012 at 9:40 p.m. A. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory M. Jones  
Transcriptionist