



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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-Chair
Clayton Carl
Anne Melvin
Glenn Gould
Ken Grossman, Alternate

ABSENT: Peter Sandin, Alternate

GUESTS: Barry Gier, P.E.; Jones & Beach Engineers Inc., 85 Portsmouth Ave;
Stratham NH 03885
Christopher Albert, CWS, CPESC; Jones & Beach Engineers Inc., 85
Portsmouth Ave; Stratham NH 03885

STAFF: None

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 June 21, 2012 to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

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

2. GUESTS

Barry Gier and Christopher Albert of Jones & Beach Engineering Inc. approached the Commission on behalf of Turbocam International Inc., to discuss a proposal for a six (6) lot subdivision and Site Plan application for a 93,000 s.f. light manufacturing facility at a property on a 31 acre property located on Franklin Pierce Highway (Map 234, Lot 1) in the Village District (VD) and Stratified Drift Aquifer (SDFA) Overlay Zoning Districts. The proposed Site Plan application is located on a future lot which is being created as part of the Subdivision Plan. Both plans have been submitted so as to enter the Planning Board review process simultaneously. Gier asked that the Commission review the submitted materials and consider providing a letter of support for State Environmental Permits which will be required for this project. In addition, a municipal Conditional Use Permit will be required for wetland buffer impacts.

Gier informed the Commission that of the six (6) lots proposed to be created under the subdivision plan, three (3) will be retained by Turbocam in order to expand its operations, and the three additional (3) lots will remain under ownership of the town. The project is to be completed in phases. Gier informed the Commission that the plan calls for a 1,000 foot cul-de-sac and will provide for public recreational trails around the perimeter of the property to be constructed incrementally in tandem with the development of each lot.

Gier informed the Commission that the plan will result in minor wetland impacts during lot development as well as impacts to the town's wetland buffers as a result of drainage system construction. Gier stated further that the plan calls for two (2) gravel wetlands and infiltration basin to convey and treat stormwater on-site. Porous pavement is proposed to be used for the 200+ parking area. In addition to known wetland impacts, Gier stated that there will be blasting required during site development to remove existing ledge. The applicant has proposed to utilize on-site gravel materials for the construction of the roadway etc. In addition, an Alteration of Terrain (AoT) permit must obtain from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in addition to other required permits.

A New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Standard Dredge and Fill Permit, which was previously issued for the property, expired. C. Albert explained that a revised Standard Dredge and Fill Permit will be submitted for this property to incorporate additional impacts and document impacts which have been alleviated in certain areas of the property. Albert stated that an investigation of the property during the spring of 2012 did not reveal the presence of vernal pools. The presence of sustained standing water and vernal pool indicator species was not observed. Albert stressed that the plan was engineered to maximize avoidance and minimization of wetland and wetland buffer impacts. Albert informed the Board that a review by the Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) indicated the presence of the state listed Blanding's Turtle. As a precaution, curbing has been limited on-site to allow for un-interrupted navigation. No historical/archeological resources have been discovered on the property. C. Albert acknowledged that the plan will require the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit in order to impact the town's wetland buffer.

After some discussion, the Board agreed that the project appears to be an asset for the town of Barrington. The Commission agreed that issues may exist regarding the properties Greenbelt and storage/disposal of hazardous waste under the Site Plan. Further review is required in order to render an informed decision with regard to formal support. The Commission agreed to provide time for further review and address the item at its next meeting scheduled for July 12, 2012.

C. Albert approached the Commission to discuss the possibility of joining the New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Specialists (NHANRS). Albert informed the Commission that the Association provides workshops and other services to Conservation groups throughout the State. After some discussion, the Commission agreed to discuss the item further at its next meeting.

3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A. Conservation Commission Non-Public Session Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2012

A. Melvin made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Non-Public Session Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2012 as amended. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

B. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2012

A. Melvin made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Non-Public Session Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2012 as amended. C. Carl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

C. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2012

The Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2012 were tabled.

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 value has been supplied by the appraiser. The total was noted to be \$63,000. Wallace stated that the informed has been forwarded to the landowner and she has requested the full appraisal.

B. George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass – WRP Submitted

Chair Wallace informed the Commission that a Wetland Reserve Program permit from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has been submitted in order to seek funding for the protection of a 300 acre parcel of land abutting the Isinglass River.

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

Chair J. Wallace informed that Commission that a copy of the new co-occurrence map has been displayed at the town Clerk's office. Wallace opined that the town co-occurrence map should contain a methodology or some explanation for the public. After some discussion, the Commission agreed that the map should be incorporated into the future Master Plan update process scheduled to begin during August of 2012. Wallace stated that the updated digital municipal tax parcel data should be included in the map. The Strafford Regional Planning Commission will be contacted.

C. Carl informed the Commission that the State of Maine currently has a co-occurrence map for the southwest portion of the State which would be valuable to review for methodology consistency.

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

K. Grossman provided the Commission with a review of the SATWaSR Management Plan and consolidated a list of “to do” items in order to initiate further discussion and implementation of the plan. Ortmann stated that officer positions should be noted in the plan (i.e. “Chair” J. Wallace), the “quiz” section is confusing and should be revised, and the water resourced section required revision. Grossman suggested that the Commission review the “to do” list and a prioritize them.

The Commission agreed that a subcommittee for this effort may be appropriate and a forestry section is a top priority.

E. Glenn to become full commissioner, Ken alternate - status?

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that Glenn has been affirmed by the Board of Selectmen as a full member. K. Grossman has been affirmed as an alternate Conservation Commission member.

Wallace informed the Commission that member P. Sandin will not be available until Fall 2012.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning Board updates

i. Village Place

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that he brought the Commission’s concerns regarding this project to the Planning Board’s attention at its last meeting. Wallace reminded the Commission that these concerns included:

- Prime Wetland buffer being included with the individual lots rather than communicated to open space.
- Recommendation to demarcate wetland buffers permanently to avoid future potential impacts.
- Recommendation to avoid the need for Special Use Permit for Construction in a Wetland Buffer.
- Dispensation of Open Space. Potential Conservation Easement. *Applicant amenable.

B. Web site updates and hosting (Glenn)

G. Gould informed the Commission that the Town Manager assisted him in contacting the webmaster of the current Conservation Commission website. Currently, there are three apparent solutions for the issue of an un-maintainable website. These solutions are as follows:

- Leave the website on the server it is currently located on. Relocate software on local system in order to manipulate site (i.e. add agenda’s/content).
- Retain services from a different service provider not retained by the town
- Retain services from commercial server

After some discussion the Commission empowered G. Gould to contact the Fire Department's independent service provider and gather further information. G. Gold agreed to seek further information for the next meeting.

C. Need to re-schedule 2nd Monthly Meeting?

The item is pending.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. DES

There was correspondence from NHDES at this time.

8. EASEMENTS

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

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that there was no further update on this item.

B. Schulz/Carone easement amendment

Chair J. Wallace informed the Commission that the Strafford Rivers Conservancy has requested a site walk on the property to determine interest in being executor. The site walk is scheduled for July 2, 2012 at 8:30am.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Natural Heritage Committee

There was no update at this time.

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

P. Failing informed the Commission that the New Hampshire Rivers Council will be hosting a permit review training workshop at the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center on July 17th at 5:00pm.

10. MINUTES OF TOWN BOARDS

A. Selectmen:

Chair J. Wallace presented Board of Selectmen Minutes for review.

B. Planning Board: May 8 & 27, June 5

Chair J. Wallace presented the Planning Board minutes for review.

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 July 12, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Barrington Public Library.

A. Melvin made a motion to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of June 21, 2012 at 9:34 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