

Barrington Conservation Commission
Barrington Town Hall Planning Office

Thursday, September 6, 2012
7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Clayton Carl
Anne Melvin
Marcia Gasses, Barrington Planner & Land
Use Administrator

ABSENT: Pam Failing, Vice-Chair
Ken Grossman, Alternate
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould
Ken Grossman, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair J. Wallace called the meeting of September 6, 2012 to order.

1. DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

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

2. GUESTS:

A. Tom Abbott Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Abbott discussed with the BCC the issue of wetland buffers on applications and how the town deals with violations of wetland buffers. John Wallace pointed out the need to settle issues before the applications come up for review. Questions raised were: where and when does the building inspector come into the process, what is the best way to physically and consistently mark the buffers at the site, how are the buffers noted on the application, and how does the town respond if there is an violation to buffer.

Also mentioned was the problem with remediation of problems sometimes making the situation even worse.

Mr. Abbott noted that timing in this process is important, and it's important to provide notice early in the process that there's an issue. The BCC recognized the need for education for all involved. It was mentioned by Mr. Abbott that the town does not want to impose a lot of penalties, and the need to provide a way to deal with this issue without it becoming onerous to anyone involved. Mr. Abbott indicated that this issue should lessen with time as all involved address the questions presented.

Chair J. Wallace pointed out that monies for the Stewardship Fund for conservation easement come from site application fees. It was mentioned that this should not be an issue in granting building permits. There was further discussion on how to assign fees, and it was agreed that this will be worked out between the BCC and building inspector.

B. Brad Jones, Jones & Beach - Hall Rd. site adjustment

Mr. Paul Silva, 274 Hall Road, Swains Lake, presented to the BCC a revised application for a site adjustment. In 2010 Mr. Silva had gone before the BCC with a site plan. At that time, the plan had a positive response from the BCC, and it was approved unanimously by the Zoning Board in 2011. The plan as previously presented (2010) was determined to be cost prohibitive so Mr. Silva is presenting a new plan that includes a deck attached to structure and an overall decreased impervious area. The issue of drainage is addressed in the plans. It was stated that a shoreline permit has been granted and the septic design has been approved.

Clayton Carl made a motion to accept the plan as presented. John Wallace seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.

A letter to the Zoning Board will state this.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES?

Previous minutes were not available.

3. COMPLAINTS:

There were no complaints.

4. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Report on Barrington's Big Trees program:

John Wallace shared that 21 attended the Barrington Big Trees hike on September 2nd at the Tamposi site. Mentioned as notably large trees seen were Atlantic White Cedar, Pitch Pine, and Black Gum.

B. SATWaSR management plan

This is in the planning stage and there will be a subcommittee meeting.

C. Purchase of Leahy land (abuts SATWaSR): 42 acres, appraised value \$63,000

This is in process and plan is currently waiting for a final appraisal. The BCC gave unanimous approval to recommend to selectmen the use of the conservation fund for the purchase of the Leahy land. This land is to be added to the Tamposi easement.

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

It is anticipated that this will be discussed in November.
The WRP application has been submitted.

E. Strafford Rivers Conservancy will *not* be executory on Schulz/Carbone easement

John Wallace stated that the plan is to not have an executory easement holder.

F. Web site

It was discussed and agreed upon to put BCC news and walks on the front page of the town web site.

G. Expedited wetlands permit application for culvert replacement on Topaz Dr.

This permit was previously approved by the BCC and is in process.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A.Planning Board updates

i.Village Place:

This has been conditionally approved with the town holding the easement on much of the open space. Marcia Gasses will be attending the selectmen's meeting on Monday, Sept. 10. The details are to be worked out and the Planning Board will review conditions.

ii.Turbocam/Clarke-Goodwill property:

Both subdivision and site plan are conditionally approved.
An appeal has been made to just the site plan.

iii. John Wallace brought up the Glass Lane site plan.

Discussed was snow storage and there were no further comments on the plan.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Lamprey River flood plain info

Watershed maps are available.

B. SRC "Celebration of Conservation" fundraiser, Sept 15

Marcia Gasses and Anne Melvin are planning to attend this event.

7. EASEMENTS

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

B. Schulz/Carbone easement amendment

John Wallace will be working on this.

C. SATWaSR monitoring begun

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Natural Heritage Committee

There are no reports at this time.

B. Other meetings – Town Forest Task Force, LRLAC, ORLAC, IRLAC, Water Resources, ORWA, Cochecho River WA, etc.

There are not reports at this time.

9. MINUTES OF TOWN BOARDS

A. Selectmen:

There was nothing to report at this time.

B. Planning Board:

There was nothing to report at this time

C. ZBA

There was nothing to report at this time.

D. NHC

There was nothing to report at this time.

10. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next meeting for the BCC is scheduled for September 20th, 2010 at the Barrington Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Lenzi