

Barrington Conservation Commission  
Barrington Public Library

Thursday, October 18, 2012  
7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair J. Wallace called the meeting of October 18, 2012 to order at 7:05

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

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

**GUESTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Clayton Carl made a motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2012, as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.**

**Clayton Carl made a motion to approve the minutes of September 20, 2012, as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.**

**COMPLAINTS:** There were no complaints

1. Old Business.

- A. SATWaSR management plan meeting – A date is set to meet October 23, 2012 at 7:00 in the Barrington Library. John Wallace will notify the Natural Heritage Committee should those members wish to attend.  
Greg Jordan could be attending.

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

John Wallace reviewed contact with area communities and grants regarding funding for this purchase. He mentioned that UNH responded that it is not in the watershed, Madbury is a possibility, and Durham will discuss the issue in November. Dover responded that it does not have authorization for expenditure of conservation funds outside of the city boundary. Further discussion followed regarding the funding process.

C. George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass WRP application submitted. It was brought up that Farm Bill funding is still being discussed at the Congressional level.

No news

C. Web site. This is on hold until Glenn returns.

## 2. New Business

### A. Revised wetland permit for Turbocam

John Wallace pointed out that a lawsuit has been filed in the Superior Court. The abutter is disputing a discrepancy between light manufacturing and machine shop. The revised wetland permit changed the impacts by Route 9 and lessens total wetland impact. This will be discussed further at the next meeting when the Conservation Commission reviews the plans for the revised permit.

### B. Planning Board updates

#### i. Wetland buffer impact, Cedar Creek (Rivers Edge subdivision)

Ken Grossman and John Wallace looked at the site. At present the house footings for one house are in the wetland buffer. At present the plan is to move the house, but leave the driveway as is in the wetland buffer. The petitioners are applying for a special use permit from the Planning Board. At a past meeting it was discussed if moving the driveway would cause more harm than allowing it to remain in the buffer. There was a discussion of markings for wetland buffers. It was brought up that wetland delineation should be a part of the Planning Board approval process. Pam Failing mentioned the possibility of using more permanent markers to show the wetland buffer. This would bring the wetlands and buffer to the attention of the builder, landowner, and building inspector. It was also put forth as a suggestion that the building inspector look at the master plan and point out areas of wetlands and buffers prior to building. There was a question if wetlands are delineated in survey maps and subdivision plans (mylar map). Ken Grossman brought up that it would be helpful to see how other towns deal with this. Marcia Gasses might have knowledge of this and John Wallace can check with other towns. It was decided by the Conservation Board to postpone a decision until the Board sees the actual plans and

gets input from Dave Vincent as regards the area of impact for moving the driveway. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. It was also pointed out the silt fencing has not been correctly installed, but this has been brought to the builder's attention.

- ii. Possible amendments to zoning: The Planning Board is considering a possible amendment to the regulations to remove the bonus of more lots from conservation subdivisions. This change would mean more lots are not fostered in the plans.

The Conservation Commission agreed to suggest this change to the Planning Board. Wallace will try to formulate appropriate language.

C. Rossiter land: 3.6 acres off of Rte 202/Swains Rd.

John Wallace checked with Mike Speltz to see if this purchase is worthwhile. Mr. Speltz indicated this would be a worthwhile purchase and suggested going to a realtor for a letter of assessment in order to make an offer to the owner. The land is currently assessed for \$7200. Pam Failing asked about legal access and if it has been surveyed. John Wallace will look into this.

D. NHACC membership renewal: \$300

**Ken Grossman made a motion to renew the NHACC membership. Pam Failing seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

E. Meeting schedule for November: move meeting of 15th to 29th?

The Conservation Commission agreed to meet the 29<sup>th</sup> of November and move the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. Announcements/correspondence:

A. NHACC meeting Nov. 3

John Wallace, Anne Melvin, and Clayton Carl are planning to attend.

B. Addressing Nitrogen Issues in Great Bay, three-part series Nov 1, 8, 15

The Board discussed the regulations of point and non-point pollution and how this might impact Barrington in the future.

### 4. Easements

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

There is no news regarding this.

B. Schulz/Carbone easement amendment - do we want to include "Amendment" clause? John Wallace hasn't heard from Mike Carbone.

John Wallace will be contacting Mr. Carbone.

C. SATWaSR - dump behind Emerald Acres

It is presumed this has been taken care of.

D. Lakeview Estates easement problems: mowing continues, graveled path

The town lawyer has drafted a letter to address this issue, and this letter should go out soon.

E. Warren done John Wallace did an abbreviated easement walk of the Warren property.

John Wallace recused himself as Conservation Board Chair. He asked the Board members for their opinions on sending letters to landowners that say for budgetary

reasons easements might not be monitored this year. An option is to set up a rotation to monitor easements. Pam Failing reminded the Board about the myriad steps taken with regard to the monitoring. The Conservation Commission was in agreement that the letters to landowners are important.

Following this discussion John Wallace returned to his position as Board Chairman.

5. Committee reports

A. Natural Heritage Committee

John Wallace will be inviting members of the Natural Heritage Committee to the SATWaSR meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Trail work was done on the Barrington Trail on Schulz Legere.

John Wallace mentioned that some county representatives from the state Big Tree Program visited Barrington, and the town will probably have the state champion Atlantic White Cedar. The town could also have several county champs.

6. Minutes of Town Boards

A. Selectmen:

B. Planning Board: John Wallace will check with Barbara Irvine about getting minutes from the ZBA and Planning Board.

C. ZBA

D. NHC

7. Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Anne Melvin made a motion at 9:05 pm to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of October 18<sup>th</sup>. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi

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