

Barrington Conservation Commission
January 3, 2013 7:00 PM
Barrington Public Library

MEETING MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of January 3, 2013 to order at 7:00.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

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

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of December 20th as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

COMPLAINTS: None

1. Old Business.

A. SATWaSR forest management plan There were no updates.

B. Trinity Conservation gravel pit, Greenhill Rd Anne Melvin and Ken Grossman shared recommendations made by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. Some of these recommendations include, but are not limited to, issues related to traffic safety, impact to the roads, wildlife habitat (specifically Blandings turtle habitat), and impact to the Isinglass River and wetland buffer areas. There was further discussion regarding fluvial erosion and monitoring of the water table. John Wallace plans to attend the Planning Board meeting to give BCC support for

the comments and recommendations of the SRPC, and Ken Grossman, on behalf of the BCC, will write a memo to the Planning Board supporting the SRPC recommendations.

C. Rossiter land, 3.6 acres There has been correspondence from Mr. Rossiter, and he indicated that the land is currently being surveyed by Dave Vincent. Issues have come up as to the land boundaries and how the parcel is shown on maps. John Wallace will contact Dave Vincent to see if information can be shared with the Conservation Commission.

D. Purchase of Leahy land (abuts SATWaSR): 42 acres, appraised value \$63,000
John Wallace will continue looking into possible funding.

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

It was mentioned that WRP would be considered for funding, as well as funding from the Forest Society. Pam Failing reminded the Conservation Committee that the Natural Heritage Committee should be involved in advising in questions of easements. Ken Grossman made a recommendation that the Natural Heritage Committee meet within 5 weeks to discuss and review potential easement properties.

F. Larenas land, 107 acres, Keliher Rd. (abuts Calef): owner interested in conservation This was part of the preceding discussion with regards to funding and the involvement of the Natural Heritage Committee.

G. Web site - \$75 in budget requested, This request was not included in the budget.

2. New Business

A. Planning Board updates

B. Help fund Oyster River management plan? John Wallace communicated to SRPC that the BCC would consider this request if downstream communities, such as Durham and UNH, commit.

C. Ken, Peter, John: BCC membership up for renewal; Ken as new chair
John Wallace has applied for membership renewal, and Ken Grossman will be applying for a change in membership status.

D. Annual report

There was a brief discussion of the annual report, and John Wallace will send this off.

E. Intents to cut: none

3. Announcements/correspondence:

A. NHACC meeting reports –

Anne Melvin shared attending a presentation where the main topic was wildlife crossings and habitats. A second presentation was on invasive species control. Another workshop dealt with The NH Water Sustainability Commission recommendations, and there was also a presentation on how to interpret plans for permit review.

B. Hike/snow shoe on SATWaSR, Jan 20 The planned hike is at 1:00.

C. DES

4. Easements

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

The ownership of parcel is still in question, and Rochester is currently researching this.

B. Schulz/Carbone easement amendment - new "Amendment" clause with selectmen

The selectmen are determining if they are "on board" with the easement amendment language.

C. Lakeview Estates easement problems: mowing continues, graveled path. Letters did go to the owners of the problem lots, but there has not been a response from Mr. Frangos. John Wallace will be contacting John Scruton as to what the next step is.

D. Problems on Rivers Edge easement: There was a letter sent to the developer on Nov 30th, but to date no response has been received. This will also be brought to John Scruton's attention.

E. Letters have been sent to owners of easements that were not monitored

5. Committee reports

A. Natural Heritage Committee

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

6. Minutes of Town Boards

A. Selectmen:

B. Planning Board:

C. ZBA

D. NHC

Pam Failing mentioned the benefits of being a member of the NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists, and there was a short discussion as to whether the BCC would like to renew its membership.

Ken Grossman made a motion to renew membership in, and expend dues to, the NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists. Clayton Carl seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

7 Next scheduled meeting: The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 17.

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Pam Failing 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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