

Barrington Conservation Commission
January 17, 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 17, 2013 to order at 7:00.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

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

GUESTS: None

COMPLAINTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anne Melvin made a motion to table the approval of the January 3rd minutes until the next meeting. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

1. Old Business

- A. Rossiter land: 3.6 acres off of Rte 202/Swains Rd at the Natural Heritage meeting it was decided that no further action can be taken now. The landowner and David Vincent will be keeping the BCC informed of progress.
- B. Trinity Conservation gravel pit, Greenhill Rd –
There was discussion as to what had been covered at the previous planning board meeting.
- C. Purchase of Leahy land (abuts SATWaSR): 42 acres, appraised value \$63,000
John Wallace shared that \$5,000 has been contributed from Fields Pond Foundation. To date there has been no response from the Bafflin Foundation, and it was mentioned that there could be possible funding from Portsmouth.
- D. George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass
John Wallace indicated that the Wetland Reserve Program is open for 2013 funding, and the WRP application for Calef property is already in.
- E. Web site Glenn Gould has been working on transferring information to his computer.

2. New Business

- A. Review & Comment: Associated Buyers Application (per request of Town Planner: No wetland Impact)
There was discussion of the plans submitted, and the map was shared and reviewed. It was noted that this is a lot of record prior to the wetland buffers going in. While it was noted that changes are close to the wetland area and the lot abuts conservation land, there was consensus among the BCC that the plan meets requirements.
- B. Intents to cut: None
- C. Conservation easement on Warren property regarding sawmill. The question of a possible sawmill on the Warren property was brought to the BCC by the realtor handling this property. The BCC response was that, according to the terms of the easement, a sawmill could be in place to handle wood cut on the property, but wood from an outside the property could not be brought to the mill.
- D. Oyster River Management Plan. There was a former request that Barrington contribute, and Durham, Madbury, and Lee have committed to a contribution.
Ken Grossman made a motion that the amount of \$500 be expended from the Conservation Fund towards the funding of the Oyster River Management Plan. Anne Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
- E. John Wallace stated that there is now \$394,066.17 in the conservation fund. This does not include any land use change tax from 2012. About \$45,000 is reserved in the Stewardship Fund.
- F. Land Conservation from Natural Heritage Committee John Wallace said the Natural Heritage Committee discussed the potential easement properties of Brook wood Park Shores (France Road), the Larenas property, the Calef property (mainly in relation to the Larenas), and the Virginia Swain property (Route 125).

With regards to the Larenas property, John Wallace said he'd been in contact with the realtor and discussed the possibility of partial development with 2-3 house lots to raise money.

With the Swain property, John Wallace will be contacting Virginia Swain to let her know that the BCC could consider taking the easement and helping with transaction costs if she would be willing to donate the easement. The BCC would like to look at the property to determine its interest in doing an easement.

- G. John Wallace stated he received an e-mail from John Scruton indicating that with budget constraints the town is not able to pursue legal recourse on the conservation easement violations on the Lakeview Estates and Rivers Edge easements. Ken Grossman suggested a lawyer's letter be sent to the involved landowners. The BCC will utilize the easement stewardship fund to pursue this. John Wallace will draft a memo to the Selectmen to this effect.
- H. There was further discussion about positions on the BCC. It was confirmed that Ken Grossman should become Chair, and John Wallace be reappointed a member.

Ken Grossman left the meeting at 8:45.

I. Announcements/correspondence

Report from DES Wetland Bureau: Coachman Estates wetlands issue: John Wallace received notification from DES that the deficiencies have been corrected.

The town received two notices from the NH Big Tree Program noting that Barrington has the largest Black Tupelo (SATWaSR) and big tooth Aspen (Goodwill) in Strafford County, and the state champion Atlantic White Cedar (SATWaSR). There are other new county champions in town, but these are the ones on town-owned property.

John Wallace received notification that COAST is planning a bus route to and from Rochester /Durham, and they are proposing a bus stop at the junction of 9 and 125.

J. Easements

- a. White Crest Conservation easement deed contains errors (with Rochester) There are no updates on this.
- b. Schulz/Carbone easement amendment – update John Wallace sent the amendment language to Mike Carbone.
- c. Proposed easement for Village Place – The lawyers for the developer put together a proposed easement based on BCC recommendations. The easement deed should be forthcoming. There was discussion about the possible placement of markers to delineate the wetland buffer, and Anne Melvin will find out if the placement of these markers is a condition of this subdivision approval. It was

- suggested that the requirement for wetland buffer markers be put into the language for future developments.
- d. Lakeview Estate's easement problems: Update discussed above.
 - e. Olson easement done - is for sale

3. Committee reports

- A. Natural Heritage Committee - see above
- B. Other meetings – Town Forest Task Force, LRLAC, ORLAC, IRLAC, Water Resources, ORWA, Cochecho River WA, etc.
- C. Minutes of Town Boards
 - A. Selectmen:
 - B. Planning Board:
 - C. ZBA
 - D. NHC

4. Next scheduled meeting: The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for February 7, 2013.

Clayton Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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