

Barrington Conservation Commission  
June 6, 2013 7:00 PM  
Barrington Public Library

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Ken Grossman  
Anne Melvin  
Pam Failing, Vice-Chair

**ABSENT:** John Wallace, Chair  
Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Glenn Gould

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Vice-Chair Pam Failing called the meeting of June 6, 2013 to order at 7:05.

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** Vice-Chair Pam Failing confirmed the presence of members as above.

1) Guests:

- a) Marika Wilde shared with the BCC her desire to put a 10.45 acre parcel into conservation easement by donating the development rights and keeping ownership of the property. The preliminary deed to accomplish this was done 6 years ago, as well as the survey of the property, however this is the first time that the project is coming before the Con Com. Ms. Wilde's intent is to eventually sell, as one parcel, with the back as conservation land and the front ~ 2 acre as the house lot. Ms. Wilde was hoping to complete the easement process by the end of the (2013) year. Strafford River Conservancy has indicated a willingness to be the primary easement holder with the town possibly serving as the secondary holder. There was discussion, and concern expressed, about public access to the easement as well as access for logging. Ken suggested that the access aspect be more thought out and should be clarified in the conservation deed. There was also discussion of fees involved as this process moves forward. Marika was unsure of expenses involved and what assistance she may be asking for from the Town (conservation fund). Marika will research these items more

and bring back more information from Strafford Rivers Conservancy. The BCC expressed an interest in this potential easement, however would like more information about fees and access and suggests further discussion on this.

2) Approval of minutes of May 16

**Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of May 16 as amended.**

**Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**

3) Complaints: none

4) Old Business:

- a) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) – Ken Grossman suggested further discussion of the by laws at a future meeting.
- b) Wetland/buffer markers (Anne) - Anne Melvin will contact Marcia Gasses.
- c) Village Place easement well request: Richard Green (Tropic Star Development, Hampton, NH) attended the meeting to review the plans to allow a well in the Village Place easement and be available to answer any questions the Con Com had on the proposal. Mr. Green was informed that the Con Com would only be having a brief continued discussion tonight. Ken had not been exposed to this proposal yet, so he was filled in with a recap of previous discussions about the existing well and the possibility of a new well on the easement serving as a community well. Mr. Green mentioned that if a new well were to be put in a spot other than the easement, it would limit future expansion of new and existing businesses. He also said that if the well is allowed, they would fix up the trail in the easement and put in a 50 space parking lot for us near the entrance from Rt. 9. Pam Failing is concerned about allowing infrastructure in the easement which may set a bad precedent for future easements. She shared an email from John Wallace reminding the BCC that the town lawyer had recommended against allowing an easement well in a previous situation due to liability concerns. Mr. Green said that the project for the convenient station should be approved by planning board in the next two weeks. Pam asked that a speedy decision on the well did not matter then. He said correct, since they already had approval to use water from Milo's well. There was discussion about what the Planning Board is thinking for the town center and future water sources for development. The BCC feels more discussion is needed with more voices heard. As an abutter, Anne has recused herself from the conversation and any decisions to be made.
- d) George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass  
- Update on moving forward (Ken) An application to NRCS is in. Ken Grossman indicated that Mr. Calef is ready to move forward, but would like a stronger commitment on the part of the town. There was discussion about making a commitment and giving assurance that the town will not back out of the

deal. The commitment would be in the form of a monetary amount, possibly put into escrow until closing occurs. Pam Failing would like a time frame from WRP as to when an easement may happen and to get an idea of the estimate of what the WRP will be offering for the easement. Would the closing take about a year? At 9:05 the BCC went into a non public session to discuss finances for the Calef property. At 9:15 BCC came out of nonpublic session. There will be further discussion on this at a future meeting.

- e) Web site (Glenn): Glenn Gould has told Pam Failing that he has possession of the web site, so he is now able to update the web site and is also working on Facebook and twitter accounts.
  - f) New members: Ken Grossman asked Marika Wilde to let her hiking contacts know there is an opening on the BCC.
  - g) Treasurer's report : status of Stewardship fund (Pam) This will be shared at a future meeting.
  - h) BCC Facebook page: Ken Grossman suggested that Anne Melvin be a co-administrator for the Facebook page.
- 5) Conservation Plan for Town: Pam Failing reviewed the conservation plan links that Anne had sent to the ConCom since the last meeting. Pam printed and shared copies of two plans from other towns. It was noted that the larger plan(s) were done via grant money and appeared to incorporate a natural resource inventory, which we already have. Pam suggested starting with a basic plan based on the template from the town of Henniker and possibly looking at other towns with basic plans.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Village Place – road gravel & gate for access point?  
**Ken Grossman made a motion that the BCC accept the offer to grade and gravel the entrance and gate it. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**  
There was further discussion on this and it was decided that more information would be helpful before a decision is made.  
**Ken Grossman made a motion to rescind the above motion and have more discussion on the access point. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - b) Planning Board :
    - i) Gravel pit - This was approved by the Planning Board.
  - c) Intents to cut: none
  - d) Other: Nothing in the box
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) DES:

- b) NHANRS workshop on wetland delineation in difficult situations: June 21 in Loudon. Pam Failing will be attending.
  - c) Gundalow Trips: Pam shared information on the Gundalow trips for town planning/conservation members and will forward this to the rest of the ConCom.
  - d) NH Method For Wetland Assessments, Spring Workshop, June 21 in Keene
- 8) Easements:
- a) Easement monitoring: \$2200 in town budget. Decide on process for this year. Pam Failing will work up figures to share with the group.
  - b) Lakeview Estates easement problems: John has been following up on this. Will consult with owner/abutter
- 9) Committee reports: None
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: June 20, 2013

**Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi