

Barrington Conservation Commission  
July 18, 2013 7:00 PM  
Barrington Public Library

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of July 18, 2013 to order at 7:05.

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above.

1) Guests: wetland buffer special use permit application

Todd Calitri met with the Zoning Board on Wednesday and expressed that the ZBA had concerns similar to the BCC regarding the placement of the addition structure. He stated the desire for a design and placement that utilizes solar energy. John Wallace mentioned the protection of the river as a major concern and said moving the addition structure further from the river and considering extra mitigating features such as improved drainage plans would be helpful. It was pointed out that moving the addition further from the river does cut down on the pervious area. Mr. Calitri explained that the house would be a total rebuild, but he needs to work off the existing foundation. John Wallace stated that the BCC would like to see the overall impact be the same or less. It could be a greater square footage in the buffer area, but it there could be other mitigating features such as more distance from the river, drainage plans, and making the driveway impervious. Mr. Calitri also expressed an interest in ‘squaring off’ a corner of the house and eventually building a deck. There was discussion about how a deck would impact the impervious area, and a suggestion was to replace the now impervious brick ‘patio’ with a smaller area deck.

2) Approval of minutes of June 20

Pam Failing suggested a change to the minutes to clarify which project was being reviewed (New Business – d, Calitri proposal), and this was accepted.

**Ken Grossman made a motion to accept the minutes of June 20 as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

3) Complaints: none

4) Old Business:

- a) George Calef: interested in protecting ~300 acres along Isinglass  
Monetary commitment from town? Need selectmen approval

**Ken Grossman made a motion to have the BCC go into non-public session at 7:55. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

The BCC came out of non-public session at 8:55

There followed more discussion of the Calef easement. John shared that he had talked with Jeremy Lougee about whether the town would commit to helping out with the remediation process to include planting of silver maples in the flood plain and removal of invasive species. His estimate was the cost of \$5,000, but volunteer labor could cover this cost.

**Anne Melvin made a motion that the BCC would commit to organizing 250 hours of volunteer labor to implement the restoration plan on the Calef easement. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

John Wallace brought up that the for the Aquatic Resource Mitigation grant it is part of the application process to have a paid wetland scientist. TPL is willing to pay \$3500 toward the wetland scientist, with George Calef's agreement.

**Ken Grossman made a motion to use \$3500 from the Conservation fund to cover the proposed costs of a wetland assessment through TPL. This is with the understanding that the sum will be reimbursed from TPL at a later date once George Calef agrees. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

- b) Potential new easement from M. Wilde There is no new development on this.
- c) Wetland/buffer markers (Anne) this would have to go in zoning regulations.  
Anne Melvin will share the written proposal with the BCC and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- d) Village Place - still waiting on final easement language
- e) New members there are no development on this.
- f) Treasurer's report - status of Stewardship fund Pam will share at a future meeting
- g) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) – This will be discussed at future meetings.
- h) Conservation Plan for Town this will be discussed at future meetings.

5) New Business:

- a) Planning Board

- i) Revised plan for Gerrior subdivision phase 2: change to easement, wetland buffer permit John Wallace mentioned that he represented to the Planning Board that the BCC is in support of phase 2. Pam Failing brought up that work done during phase 1 has caused drainage issues for phase 2. She asked about the possibility of asking for mitigation of the stream erosion and wetland damage. John suggested there be a memo to the Planning Board and Marcia Gasses with a cc to Gerrior. Pam Failing will write the memo to indicate the CC would like Gerrior to look into mitigating the potential for further damage from the detention pond.
- b) \$100 from Carolyn Goodwill, to be used to improve public access  
**Ken Grossman made a motion to put the Goodwill money toward the Pooh Trail project and clearing around the sign. Anne Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- c) Warren farm: opinion on uses in easement. A question was brought up if slaughtering is in agreement with the easement. It was decided by the BCC that slaughtering is agricultural in use and does not violate the easement agreement. It was mentioned that the slaughtering would be only for animals raised on the property. In the Barrington zoning ordinance slaughtering of animals is prohibited, but it could go to the ZBA for variance. There was discussion about the future possibility of a structure for classes and structure(s) for staff housing. The BCC indicated that the structure for classes would not meet easement compliance, and the staff structure might not be in compliance with the easement, but could be discussed at a future meeting if necessary.
- d) ORLAC (and LRLAC) need new reps from Barrington
- e) Intents to cut there are none.
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
  - a) DES:
    - i) Complaint about wetland violation on Trinity LLC property (and response) an abutter to the Trinity property had a complaint about wetland buffer violations. The town determined that there were ruts from the prior logging operation, and this will be remediated.
    - ii) DES: Seasonal dock permit denied (Patrie, Stadig Rd) – This permit was denied by DES because the land is not under ownership of the person requesting permit.
  - b) UNH-CE:
    - i) Coverts Project workshops
    - ii) Field Trip 101 workshop July 18
- 7) Easements:
  - a) Easement monitoring: John did the monitoring for White Crest, Wallace/Benting, and Littlefield/Durant.
  - b) Lakeview Estates easement problems: discretionary approval language

Pam Failing suggested adding to the language that this change is allowed not just for recreation but also for health and safety. John will add this to the document.

**Ken Grossman made a motion to go back to nonpublic session. Pam Failing seconded the motion which passed with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

The BCC returned to public session.

**Ken Grossman made the motion that the Barrington Conservation Commission asks the Barrington Selectmen to approve the use of \$50,000 from the Conservation Fund towards the purchase of an approximately 275 acre parcel on the Isinglass River currently owned by the Harlan A. Calef Revocable Trust, with a conservation easement to be held by USDA/NRCS through the WRP. It is understood that these funds will be applied if, and only if, the remainder of the purchase price can be raised from outside funding sources and/or town conservation monies. Anne Melvin seconded the motion which passed with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor. Grossman – aye, Melvin – aye, Wallace – aye, Failing recused herself from the vote.**

8) Committee reports: none

9) Next scheduled meeting: August 1, 2013

**Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi