

Barrington Conservation Commission
August 1, 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 August 1, 2013 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Guests: none
- 2) Approval of minutes of July 18
Pam Failing suggested changes to the minutes. These were noted and revisions made. **Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the public minutes of July 18 as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Pam Failing made a motion to table the minutes of the non-public session of July 18 until the next meeting. Ken Grossman 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 John Wallace had heard from Greg Caporossi of the Trust for Public Land (TPL) that Mark West, the wetland scientist who would be doing the Calef property, has now estimated the assessment cost at \$5400. It was reiterated that the TPL will reimburse for the cost once George Calef signs an agreement with TPL. John

Wallace mentioned that Selectmen Fred Bussiere expressed concerns with the expenditure of more money over that which the selectmen have already authorized. Selectmen Susan Gaudiello briefly joined the meeting to discuss what had transpired at the Selectmen's meeting regarding the authorization of money for the Calef property. Pam Failing shared that it would be nice to have a wildlife assessment along with the wetland assessment as this would be helpful in working with the property. John Wallace will mention to Greg Caporossi that an extra emphasis on wildlife habitat and values would be worthwhile.

Ken Grossman made a motion to use \$5400 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 Pam reviewed some of the previous questions and concerns involved with this potential easement. The discussion included questions of whether SRC would take the easement and would there be public access. John pointed out that it would be the property owner who would want to do the forestry, and therefore providing access for forestry purposes is not an issue. John will get in touch with Marika and give her an application.
 - c) Wetland/buffer markers (Anne) The CC reviewed the proposed language for the ordinance. It was suggested that the language could read 'markers *shall* be required, but may be waived, as determined by the Planning Board'. John asked if the buffers, as well as the wetlands, would be marked during construction, and it was decided that buffers will be added to the language. Anne will revise, and then share with the group, the language of the draft for wetland/buffer markers.
 - d) Village Place - still waiting on final easement language
 - e) New members?
 - f) Treasurer's report - status of Stewardship fund (Pam) Pam will present at another meeting.
 - g) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) – Ken will present at another meeting.
 - h) Conservation Plan for Town John mentioned that it would be good to have a conservation plan incorporated into the town master plan. Anne will share the contact for the Henniker conservation plan so that CC members can review it and provide feedback.
 - i) ORLAC and LRLAC need new reps from Barrington
- 5) New Business:
- a) Planning Board
 - i) Revised plan for Gerrior subdivision phase 2: A technical review committee will be meeting to discuss the revised plan for phase 2. Pam will write a letter

to the Planning Board suggesting mitigation of the drainage/wetland problems created during phase 1.

- ii) Possible conservation subdivision on Ramsdell Rd. (will discuss at next meeting)
- b) Warren farm: sale will go through
- c) Date of next meeting: Aug 29
- d) Intents to cut none
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) DES:
- 7) Easements:
 - a) Easement monitoring: Hertel/Farrell and Boodey monitorings have been completed.
 - b) Lakeview Estates easement problems: It was included in the easement language that the mowing be allowed not just for recreation but also for safety.
 - c) Amended Schulz/Carbone CE language: signed and recorded!
- 8) Committee reports: none
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: August 29, 2013

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. 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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