

Barrington Conservation Commission
October 3, 2013 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-Chair
Anne Melvin (arrived at 7:30)
Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative

ABSENT: Ken Grossman
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of September 19, 2013 to order at 7:05.

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

- 1) Guests: Julia Guimond, Marika Wilde, Alison Desmarais,, Sam Faulkner, and David Souliere attended to observe the meeting.
- 2) Approval of minutes of Sept. 19 The group returned to the minutes of Sept. 19 after Anne Melvin's arrival. Pam Failing added to the minutes to clarify why a vote (Village Place) was reconsidered. There was discussion about the well location, proposed water withdrawal, and wetland protection. Pam will be coming up with questions she would like answered regarding the well, and John will pass these questions on to Barry Gier prior to the October 17 meeting.
Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19 as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.
- 3) Complaints: Steve Kittredge had a concern about the number of ducks shot on Richardson Pond on the opening day of duck season. Mr. Kittredge suggested that the pond be used for junior duck hunter education and that open duck hunting be curtailed on the pond. There was discussion about the possible number of ducks taken, and the CC decided that Mr. Kittredge should continue

to monitor the duck population and report back to the Conservation Commission. Pam Failing is willing to contact UNH to explore the possibility of having UNH students study the duck population on the pond.

4) Old Business:

a) George Calef: ~300 acres along Isinglass - Moose Plate application filed
The folks from ARM (Aquatic Resource Management) did a site walk on the property, and they were especially interested in looking at potential remediation spots. ARM is aware that NRCS is also involved. John expressed hope that LCHIP will also be available for funding.

Anne Melvin arrived at 7:30.

b) Johnson/Wilde easement: do we want to be primary easement holder?
Strafford Rivers Conservancy contacted Marika Wilde and indicated they are interested in serving as the secondary easement holder. Pam pointed out the ease of monitoring and diversity of habitat with this parcel. John mentioned that SRC would want him to use their template for writing the easement. He recommended to Marika that she apply to the Conservation Fund for monies to offset the donation to the Stewardship Fund and monies for offsetting the costs of surveying and setting pins.

Anne Melvin made a motion to recommend to the selectmen that the Town be the primary holder for this conservation easement. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

c) Potential conservation subdivision, Ramsdell Dr. - site walk report This plan would involve deed restricted open space. There was discussion of the benefits of the proposed plan as opposed to a conventional plan. Fred Bussiere mentioned that he would like to see a comparison of yields of both plans to make sure that the Town is getting a good deal. The CC had consensus to support the conservation subdivision before the Planning Board.

d) Village Place/Gas station - proposed well, final easement language This was discussed above and will be reconsidered on Oct. 17.

e) Conservation Plan for town: Pam suggested a work session at the end of the meeting.

f) Treasurer's report - status of Stewardship fund (Pam) Pam hopes to meet with Peter Royce and/or Caroline Berryment next week.

g) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken) John will check with Ken Grossman to see if there are updates to the by laws shared at an earlier meeting.

5) New Business:

a) Planning Board

- i) Proposed Thunder Road development (New Bow Lake Rd) The developer is open to different options for the open space: deeding the property to the town, having it deed restricted, or have the town hold an easement. It was brought up that one lot is proposed in an area of high conservation value. The wetlands will have to be redelineated. Pam recommended that the developers have an updated Natural Heritage Report to alert them to possible special habitats or species. The group decided to do a site walk Monday, Oct. 7, at 2:00.
 - ii) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#): continued to next meeting
 - b) Master plan: It was recommended that the Master Plan be put on line. Fred told Anne that if she is able to get him a copy he will get it scanned.
 - c) Intents to cut: John stated that there is a backlog of intent to cut permits for the CC because they had not been passed along for a time. It is expected that the Commission will get them in a more timely manner in the future. There was discussion about how intents to cut are reviewed and how it's determined which permits refer to prime wetlands. Fred Bussiere suggested that the applicant get the letter reminding them of prime wetlands when they pick up the signed approved copy of the intent to cut. John Wallace will talk with John Scruton about implementing this protocol.
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) DES There is no new correspondence.
- 7) Easements:
- a) Easement monitoring: The Falls on the Isinglass monitoring has been completed, and John mentioned that the homeowners' association no longer exists.
 - b) Fred Bussiere brought up the feasibility of a parking area off Route 125 for the SATWaSR parcel and mentioned that it might be possible to use money from the logging toward the cost of putting in this parking area.
- 8) Committee reports:
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: Oct 17, 2013

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40. Fred Bussiere seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi