

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

December 19, 2013 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center
570 Calef Highway

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
 Pam Failing
 Ken Grossman
 Anne Melvin
 Marika Wilde, Alternate
 Alison Desmarais, Alternate
 Julia Guimond, Alternate

ABSENT: Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative
 Peter Sandin, Alternate
 Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of December 19, 2013 to order at 7:00.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Wallace appointed Desmarais and Guimond as voting members for this meeting.

- 1) Approval of minutes of Dec 5
Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of December 5, as amended. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
- 2) Complaints: John Wallace had received a complaint from Linda Brushett that modifications to the drainage have been made at the Nippo Lake Golf Course, and she was concerned that a change in the drainage was allowing more nutrients into Nippo Lake. Ms. Brushett is getting more information on this and may come back to the CC with this issue.
- 3) Guests: Rivers Peak subdivision (Cabernet Builders) (**Pam Failing arrived.**) Scott Cole, Tim Mason (64 acres total, with 22 acres open space) Mr. Cole shared that this subdivision had originally been designed and approved in 2005. The original owner did not act on this. Mr. Mason, the new owner, is required to upgrade the drainage design in keeping with the current requirements. The layout as presented is very similar to that

of the original proposal. Originally, Strafford Rivers Conservancy had been approached about being the primary holder for the open space, but SRC has subsequently declined this proposal. Mr. Cole and Mr. Mason are now proposing that the town have ownership of the open space with covenants. A draft of the warranty deed has been presented for review. There is an area of gravel that would be extracted for use of road construction in the development, and the gravel pit would be closed, reclaimed, and become part of the open space after the last lot is sold. There was discussion of the existing trail network and the open space being accessible to the public. There was also discussion about what would be the best use of a small parcel in the center of the development. It was mentioned that a small right of way area of this parcel is for the water cistern and a central mail delivery spot. At the end of this discussion it was suggested that it might be best to incorporate this center piece into the adjacent lot and not have it be part of the open space. The possibility of deed restrictions to mark the 100' setback from the open space on the lots abutting the brook was brought up, and this could also include no cut/no disturbance markers.

3) Old Business:

- a) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass. Preliminary results of the survey are in, and it has been determined that approximately 40 acres originally thought to be part of the Calef property is not. John pointed out that the wetland reserve money will be about \$80,000 less because it's done on a per acre basis. Pam requested a copy of the wetlands assessment done by Mark West, and John will send this out.
- b) Brookwood Park Shores property Anne shared a response from Karen Gould thanking the BCC for the letter outlining the conservation value of the property. John has emailed Bob Eckert about the possibility of UNH students in a land conservation class doing a natural resource/heritage study of this property.
- c) Treasurer's report - status of Stewardship fund (Pam) this will be covered at a later meeting.
- d) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken) Ken shared thoughts relating to the purpose/role of the CC and solicited comments from the group. Revisions were made to the proposed document. There was discussion about membership of the CC and voting of the members at meetings. It was mentioned that this should be clarified with the selectmen. Also discussed was when members might need to recuse themselves from a vote and the role of subcommittees.
- e) Conservation Plan is to be covered in January.
- f) Goals for 2014
 - i) conservation plan

- ii) Propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. Alison mentioned that this could include suggested modifications to the conservation subdivision regulations
 - iii) Alison suggested a goal be continuation of education and outreach, including public walks
 - g) Town Report due soon
 - h) Alison had checked with a member of the ZBA about moving the sign/kiosk at the Goodwill easement, as discussed at the Dec. 5th meeting. The response she received was that this is a Planning Board issue and not a Zoning Board issue.
- 4) New Business:
- a) Planning Board
 - i) Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision this will be protected via deed restriction, as opposed to being an easement. It was previously mentioned that the intent is to have a homeowners association. John will get more information as to whether the intent is to have public access and build a trail. The CC would like to have more information before making a recommendation.
 - ii) River's Peak (formerly Thunder Road) subdivision this was covered earlier in the meeting.
 - iii) Tropic Star (gas station): nothing new
 - iv) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). \$2000 still owed to stewardship fund. Continued to January
 - b) Report on NHANRS meeting (Pam) Pam reviewed how planning happens for 50 and 100 year storms/rainfall. She also attended a session on stream crossing and how this affects wildlife. Fish and Game presented a session on wetland identification and classification.
 - c) Intents to cut: none
 - d) Announcements_/correspondence: April 5 is the Saving Special Places conference.
 - e) Easements:
 - i) Easement monitoring: Hambel/Dolmat has been completed, and easement monitoring is done for the year.
- (Ken left the meeting at 10:15.)**
- f) Committee reports: none
 - g) Next scheduled meeting: Jan 2

Alison Desmarais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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