

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

February 6, 2014 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice Chair
Ken Grossman
Anne Melvin
Marika Wilde, Alternate
Julia Guimond, Alternate
Alison Desmarais, Alternate
Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative

ABSENT: Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of February 6, 2014 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Guests: Kyle Pimental, SRPC: (Strafford Regional Planning Commission) Kyle attended the BCC meeting to update the group on the work being done on the Oyster River corridor management plan and to get input from the BCC as to Barrington's concerns and issues regarding the plan. As part of developing this plan he is meeting with all the conservation commissions within the Oyster River corridor. SRPC is also using a mail out to contact the property owners along the corridor for their comments and concerns. Some of the issues addressed at the meeting were development along the corridor, chloride from road salt entering the water, and flooding after heavy rain and the replacement of culverts. There was discussion of the town considering using planning for stream flow and flooding to determine culvert size when the time comes to replace them. Relating to chloride, it was mentioned that Jere Calef (Barrington Highway Dept.) is Green Snow Pro certified, which means he has completed the UNH training course focused on efficient and environmentally friendly winter road maintenance practices. Ken Grossman will be contacting Jere Calef to find out how

much of the Green Snow Pro program is being implemented by the Barrington Highway Dept. Pam expressed that it is important not to just know condition of the Oyster River corridor as it exists now, but also to plan for what can be done to protect the corridor for the future. Kyle explained that mandates will come from the EPA regarding nitrogen coming from wastewater treatment plants, and to lower costs, communities will be interested in exploring other ways to bring nitrogen levels down. Alison stated that watershed information and maps should be on line for the public to access. John and Kyle stressed that the final plan should be something that is used, with goals and recommendations very specific to the Oyster River.

2) Approval of minutes of Dec 19, Jan 16

Ken Grossman made a motion to accept the minutes of December 19th, as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Fred Bussiere made a motion to accept the minutes of January 16th, as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

3) Complaints: none

4) Old Business:

a) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass John Wallace and Alison looked for possible places to construct a parking area and determined that a suitable site could be along Town Farm Road. The parking area (at most 1/8 acre) will not be included in the easement payment from the Wetlands Reserve Program. John has talked with Greg Capo Rossi and George Calef regarding the issue of the approximately 56 acres that in question as to ownership. John expressed hope that this can be claimed as part of the Calef parcel and resolved through the state.

b) Brookwood Shores property There are no new developments.

c) Treasurer's report - status of Stewardship fund (Pam) There was discussion of whether \$3,000 was received in 2008 from the NH Estuaries Program (now PREP) for surveying of an easement. Pam is verifying that this had been received.

d) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken)

The group continued its discussion of by laws, focusing on: meetings of the Commission; public hearings and informational meetings; management and oversight of the Conservation Fund, including acceptance of gifts; procedure for requests from other town boards for advice or review; and easement monitoring.

e) Conservation Plan

- f) Backing up files: John shared with the group that the town does back up files, and anything to be saved can be taken to the Town Office.
- g) Goals for 2014
 - i) conservation plan
 - ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
 - iii) Update trails booklet
 - iv) Access to SATWaSR off 125
- 5) New Business:
 - a) Renna property There is the possibility of acquiring this property to be a connecting piece in SATWaSR.
 - b) SPNHF: completion of Leahy addition to SATWaSR In relation to completing the Leahy addition, there was a bill from SPNHF for legal fees, recording fees, and land agent time (\$2846.07), and the easement stewardship fee (\$2000). There was discussion of whether there should be oversight and input from the Selectmen regarding such financial matters. This can be discussed in the future. **Ken Grossman made a motion to authorize the Town Treasurer to pay the bill from SPNHF. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
 - c) Stewardship Network (from UNH-CE)
 - c) Planning Board
 - i) Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision Comments from the town engineer have come in.
 - ii) River's Peak (formerly Thunder Road) subdivision This is still being discussed at the Planning Board.
 - iii) Tropic Star (gas station): This is still before the Planning Board.
 - iv) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). This is still before the Planning Board. \$2000 still owed to stewardship fund.
 - v) DES: approval of shoreland permit for McCoy, Rocky Point Rd (Swains)
 - vi) Barrington Community Profile, April 11 & 12
 - d) Letter from Strafford County Conservation District about collaboration John shared that he received a letter from the SCCD outlining the services it provides.
 - e) Intents to cut: Haley, Oak Hill Rd
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
- 7) Easements:
 - a) Easement monitoring: Dolmat Pam Failing completed the monitoring report on this easement.
- 8) Committee reports: none
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: Feb 20

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9: 50. Pam Failing 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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