MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission March 6, 2014 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair

Pam Failing, Vice Chair

Anne Melvin

Julia Guimond, Alternate Alison Desmarais, Alternate Marika Wilde, Alternate

ABSENT: Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative

Ken Grossman

Peter Sandin, Alternate Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

- 1) Guests: none
- 2) Approval of minutes of Feb 20

Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of February 20, as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.

- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Old Business:
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass John completed the paperwork for receiving the money from Moose Plate Grant Program.
 - ii) Brookwood Shores property There is no news on this.

- iii) Renna property: At the February 20 CC meeting the group had discussed the possibility of sharing the cost of a forester with the landowner. John received an email from Fred Bussiere, and Fred expressed that perhaps the CC could have the appraised value, minus value of lumber taken through logging, be the final payment to owner. There was discussion about the costs to CC associated with land coming under easement. Pam expressed that she would not, at this point, want to commit to paying a portion of the expense for a forester. Alison suggested giving Ms. Renna the names of possible foresters so that she might have the property responsibly logged. The group decided that the BCC would not commit to sharing the cost of a forester at this time.
- b) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) (Ken) This item was tabled until a future meeting.
- c) Green Snow Pro, Jere Calef (Ken) This is tabled until a future meeting.
- d) Steve Kittredge's report on History of Richardson Pond Dam (tabled to next meeting) This is a work in progress.
- e) Sign on Goodwill Conservation Area John has determined that the state right of way on Route 9 is 33 feet from center line. After snow melt the area could be measured and a suitable place found to relocate the sign.
- f) Village Place easement John has received an email from Joe Falzone reminding the BCC that the property, with the easement in place, needs to be closed on in the near future. John brought up that the current plan has the easement being turned over to homeowners' association, and John's concern is that these associations tend to go out of existence. John asked about the longevity of the association and questioned if it would be possible to have the town take over ownership of the land. Mr. Falzone responded that the homeowners' association would be active as they would have other responsibilities. Pam brought up her concerns with having the well in the easement and reminded the group that the well is a private interest and the town should not take any interest in or responsibility for the well. John is confident that there will be language in the easement to cover this issue.
- g) Treasurer's report status of Stewardship fund (Pam) Pam is creating a master spread sheet, consolidating the old information and adding the new from 2007 to the present.
- h) Goals for 2014
 - i) conservation plan A time frame for working on the conservation plan will be covered at the next meeting.
 - ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
 - iii) Update trails booklet Alison has volunteered to head this.
 - iv) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125
- 5) New Business:

- a) Planning Board
 - i) Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision This is proceeding, continued until March 18th.
 - ii) River's Peak (formerly Thunder Road) subdivision Continued until April.
 - iii) Tropic Star (gas station): At the PB there was discussion related to drainage. This is continued until March 18th.
 - iv) Gerrior revision: <u>268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB (Gerrior Lane Trust)</u>. \$1000 still owed to stewardship fund. There are no new developments.
 - v) Huff storage (Colonial Way) adding storage facility http://www.barrington.nh.gov/Pages/BarringtonNH_PlanningZoningApps/Map%20220/Lot%2031/ It was determined that there are no impacts to the wetland. John will check with Marcia to determine if there are impacts to the 50 foot buffer area. Pam wondered if the land delineated as poorly drained is actually wetland.
- b) Barrington Community Profile, April 11 & 12
- c) Intents to cut: none
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) Saving Special Places conference, April 5
 - b) Town Forest & "Hiking the White Mountains" Slide Show with Ray Turmelle (Marika) The BCC has set a date of Friday, May 2, to have a gathering at Marika's, and Ray will share his slides.
 - c) Town and City
 - d) John would like to set up a birding walk for the spring.
- 7) Easements:
 - a) Easement monitoring This will begin later in the year.
- 8) Committee reports:
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: Mar 20

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Lenzi

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