

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

April 17, 2014 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of April 17, 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 April 3 **Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of April 3 as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 3) Complaints: George Calef spoke with Anne about Drew Pond being drawn down. John mentioned that DOT has control over the boards.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass John said that there will be \$40,000 from Fish and Game. After the full title clears the appraisal from the Trust for Public Land will be revised.
 - ii) Brookwood Shores property nothing new
 - iii) Renna property nothing new

iv) Wilhelm property Fred Bussiere, with approval of the Selectmen, negotiated with the land owner and made an offer of \$7,200, which was accepted.

Ken Grossman made a motion to authorize expenditure of up to \$8,000 for the purpose of purchasing the Wilhelm property and associated expenses. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Pam asked about further costs that might come up with surveying, land steward fees, etc. John suggested waiting for possible future parcels to add, together, to the SATWaSR easement before adding the Wilhelm property into the easement alone.

v) Monfet property John sent a letter inquiring about the possibility of the owner wanting to sell, but has yet to receive a reply.

b) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken) **Ken Grossman made a motion for provisional acceptance of the Barrington Conservation Commission bylaws as drafted, for the purpose of sharing same with Town Administrator John Scruton and perhaps the town attorney. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

c) Green Snow Pro, Jere Calef (Ken) Ken spoke with Jere Calef about winter road ice and snow treatment. Jere reminded Ken that sand is worse than salt for treating roads, as the sand contains silt which tends to harm vegetation. While best practice is treating with a slurry of brine, this treatment is expensive to apply and Barrington has not budgeted for this. The town is attempting to follow the practices as put forth in the Green Snow Pro Program, and the CC would like to support this effort.

d) Village Place easement The easement has been signed. Pam had questions about the reserved right for the well and water line easement and wondered if this had been reviewed by the BCC before approval. Pam will check with John Scruton about the past work of the water committee and the plans that might have been made with regards to the possibility of community wells.

e) Goals for 2014

i) conservation plan: Julia explained how to post to google doc., reminding the group that there can be no editing on the site. The BCC will schedule a time for another meeting after everyone has a chance to post on the site. John reminded the group to notify others after making a posting on the site.

ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. Pam will be working with the Barrington zoning ordinances in the future and hopes to share what she learns with the BCC.

iii) Update trails booklet

iv) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125 John said the parking area will most likely be the landing area from the rabbit habitat forestry work.

- 5) New Business:
 - a) Revised letter sent to landowners doing forestry near prime wetlands or protected shoreland. Pam will check to see if the BCC can add conservation news/page to the packet sent to new residents.
 - b) Planning Board
 - i) Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision
 - ii) River's Peak (formerly Thunder Road) subdivision
 - iii) Tropic Star (gas station): This has been conditionally approved.
 - iv) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). \$1000 still owed to stewardship fund.
 - v) Huff storage (Colonial Way) adding storage facility
http://www.barrington.nh.gov/Pages/BarringtonNH_PlanningZoningApps/Map%202220/Lot%2031/
 - c) Reports on Saving Special Places meeting (Anne, John, Marika, Pam) Anne attended the "Communications for Conservation" presentation. Ideas were shared for how to make a communication plan and, if necessary, how to get voter support. Pam attended a presentation on Community and Economic Development. As Land Conservation Strategies. This seminar covered blending economic benefits with land conservation.
 - d) Treasurer's report (Pam) Pam will be adding expenditures to the spreadsheet as they come up.
 - e) Intents to cut: none
 - f) John would like to do an official opening for the Winnie the Pooh Trail later this spring. He has contacted the Town Librarian, School librarian, and other school personnel to encourage children's participation.
 - g) Pam attended the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. DES did a presentation about wetland regulations and changes that are being considered.
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) DES ARM funding now available - \$150,000 available for Salmon Falls Watershed
 - b) LCHIP Grant round opens April 14
 - c) Town Forest & "Hiking the White Mountains" Slide Show with Ray Turmelle (Marika)
 - d) Bird walk on Warren Farm, May 31
- 7) Easements:
 - a) Easement monitoring John did White Crest.
- 8) Committee reports:
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: May 1

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25. Ken Grossman 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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