

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission
June 5, 2014 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Library

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chairman
Pam Failing, Vice Chair
Ken Grossman

ABSENT: Alison Desmarais, Alternate
Julia Guimond, Alternate
Anne Melvin
Marika Wilde, Alternate (joined at 8:00)
Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of June 5, 2014 to order at 7:05.

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

- 1) Guests: Kenneth Berry – representing the (Joe) Carbaugh subdivision, 2nd Crown Point Rd. Mr. Carbaugh was also in attendance.
Mr. Carbaugh is proposing a subdivision lot of 4.19 acres. A special permit has been granted from the ZBA in order for the new driveway to come off the side property line and not off the property frontage, allowing for the driveway to be further away from Berry River. The proposed driveway would be along the top of a ridge and follow along an old woods road. Mr. Berry shared steps that would be taken to control sediment runoff and erosion. It was brought to his attention by the Building Inspector that zoning requires a 75' driveway setback from flowing water, and Mr. Berry stated that the existing plans show it would be 45-50' at various

points. He plans to request a variance from the ZBA, as he feels that to move the driveway to the 75' setback would be more disruptive and put it too close to a wetland on the other side. Pam pointed out that the driveway will end up being in both buffers. The BCC will do a site walk on Tuesday, June 10th at 5:00.

Guest: Charlie Tatham attended for discussion of the Trails Committee. John shared that at the last meeting with Selectmen there were questions about what the committees were doing. Charlie gave a brief history of the Trails Committee, and it was pointed out that the Trails Committee was moved from the BCC to the recreation commission a few years ago. John said two main questions seem to be: Do we want the Trails Committee to continue, and if so, do we want it to come under the BCC?

There was discussion about the purpose of and need for a Trails group, and also if it is necessary to post meeting of the group and take minutes of meetings. John will check with John Scruton to see if work sessions (such as trail work) will need to be posted in advance.

Ken Grossman made a motion that the Trails Committee be reinstated as a subcommittee of the BCC. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Discussion continued regarding the Natural Heritage Committee. It was decided that this committee could be disbanded and interested members of the NHC are welcome to attend the BCC meetings.

Ken Grossman made a motion to dissolve the Natural Heritage Committee.

Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Marika asked about what to do with artifacts from the NHC, and it was suggested that she take appropriate items to the town offices.

It was decided to discuss the Town Forest Task Force at a future meeting after getting input from Task Force members.

2) Approval of minutes of May 15 **Marika Wilde made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

3) Complaints: none

4) Old Business

a) Conservation Projects:

i) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass. An area is needed for town vehicles to turn around at the beginning of the property. Peter Cook would like a hammerhead turnaround for the purpose of plowing and this (minimal) amount of land will need to be taken out of the easement.

- ii) Brookwood Shores property There are no new developments John suggested that perhaps this could go through the wetlands reserve program.
- iii) Renna property The selectmen said they would be willing to offer 1,000 per acre.
- iv) Wilhelm property – The town will acquire with quitclaim deed.
- v) Monfet property - calculated acreage is 4.7. The selectmen are willing to offer 1,000 per acre.

The BCC agreed that John approach the owners of the Monfet and Renna properties and propose the above offers.

- b) BCC by laws (rules of procedure) - (Ken) Ken sent the final draft to John Scruton and this will be reviewed by the town attorney.

c) Goals for 2014

- i) conservation plan: There will be a work session at Alison's on June 24th.
- ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. – Marcia wants to revise/clarify wetland buffer special use permit process. Ken would like to have a discussion about aquifers at the next meeting. The BCC is suggesting that any questions about 9.6 (special permit for construction in a wetland buffer) permits come to the BCC prior to meeting with the PB.
- iii) Update trails booklet This is on hold.
- iv) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125 This will be discussed further after work is completed on SATWaSR for the rabbit habitat.

5) New Business:

- a) Report on joint meeting with selectmen
 - i) Offer \$1000/acre for Renna, Monfet? Discussed above.
 - ii) Draft of letter to Attorney General about amending Gerrior easement John will draft this letter.
- b) Planning Board
 - i) Carbaugh subdivision discussed above
 - ii) Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision There is nothing new on this.
 - iii) River's Peak subdivision: Has received conditional approval; signs for undisturbed buffer areas?; Mr. Mason indicated that he is in agreement with posting CC markers for the buffer area. There was discussion if the gravel pit could be reclaimed as turtle habitat, and if not, what else could it be reclaimed for.
 - iv) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). \$1000 still owed to stewardship fund. Continued to August
 - v) Schedule joint meeting to discuss issues? Discuss 9.6 process, aquifers and drainage
- c) Reports on Saving Special Places meeting (Anne, John, Marika, Pam) This will be covered at next meeting

- d) Report on Bird walk on Warren Farm Ken mentioned how much he enjoyed this walk, and others concurred.
- e) Report on Welcome letter/packet to town (Pam) Pam is in the process of drafting a letter.
- f) Treasurer's report (Pam) No news.
- g) Intents to cut: none
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) Sign on Goodwill Property has been moved.
 - b) SPNHF easement monitoring newsletter
 - c) Book: History and Economics of NH Dairy Industry
- 7) Easements:
 - a) Easement monitoring John will let people know when he starts this process.
- 8) Next scheduled meeting: June 19

Marika Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi