

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission  
June 19, 2014 7:00 PM  
Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

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

ABSENT: Julia Guimond, 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 June 19, 2014 to order at 7:00.

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** Chair John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above. Alison Desmarais was delegated as a voting member.

- 1) Public hearing: Authorize expenditure of \$4700 from conservation fund for purchase of Monfet property (Tax map 263 lot 14). John opened the public hearing and there were no comments.  
**Ken Grossman made a motion to authorize expenditure of \$4700 from the conservation fund for the purchase of the Monfet property (tax map 263 lot 14) Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 2) Guests: Ken Berry to discuss the Carbaugh subdivison and Matt Carpenter for the Town Forest Task Force  
Matt Carpenter stated that he is in favor of moving the Town Forest Task Force to the Trails Committee. There was discussion about when meetings need to be posted and what might constitute an official committee meeting. Anne, Alison, Ken, and Matt indicated that they would like to be members of the Trails Committee.  
**Anne Melvin made a motion that the Town Forest Task Force be dissolved with the understanding that its responsibilities be subsumed by the Trails Committee. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 3) Approval of minutes of June 5  
**Pam Failing made a motion to accept the minutes of June 5 as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Complaints: John shared that the road crew has removed a pile of tires

that had been on the SATWaSR property.

#### 5) Old Business

- a. Status of Town Forest Task Force This was covered above.
- b. Conservation Projects:
  - i. Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass. John mentioned that there is an area that looks good for the turnaround, and Peter Cook will take a look at this. Pam commented that this could be combined with the parking area. In his exploration John discovered a small shed that he expects could be on the property, and he is following up to see if this was noted on the environmental assessment.
  - ii. Brookwood Shores property John sent Ms. Gould information on the Wetland Reserve Easement Program.
  - iii. Renna property – owner is still thinking This will be revisited at a later meeting in September.
  - iv. Wilhelm property - town will acquire with quitclaim deed The town will own this property because the Forest Society will not take it on with a quitclaim deed and consequently it will not be part of SATWaSR.
  - v. Monfet property – The owner has accepted an offer of \$1000/acre. The selectmen will be holding a public meeting to accept this.
  - vi. Cook property Peter Cook was in touch with John about the possibility of conserving, in some way, his 77 acres on Beauty Hill Road. John will be talking with Peter to get more information.
- c. BCC by laws: lawyer's comments Ken doesn't believe the proposed by laws have yet come back from the lawyer.
- d. Goals for 2014
  - i. conservation plan: meeting next week at Alison's
  - ii. propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. –
    1. Ken and John met with Marcia to revise wetland buffer special use permit process There was more discussion on 9.6. Pam has typed up some ideas for changes/suggestions, and Ken suggested that it might be best to organize these notes with one section on the application process and another section on the ordinance itself. It was mentioned that it would be good to formalize having the CC brought in more often as an advisory to the Planning Board.
    2. Aquifer overlay district (Ken) Ken brought up that he would like to work with the Planning Board on simplifying and clarifying the town aquifer protection ordinance. It was also mentioned that the Envision Barrington Natural Resources Action Committee might be interested in being involved with this discussion.
  - iii. Update trails booklet John updated the town-wide trails map, and this will be posted on the CC website.
  - iv. Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125

#### 4) New Business:

- e. Planning Board
  - i. Carbaugh subdivision Ken Berry attended to answer questions regarding the Carbaugh subdivision (2<sup>nd</sup> Crown Point Road) Mr. Berry reviewed measures that would be taken to mitigate erosion and explained that an erosion control

mix berm would be installed instead of a silt fence. The proposed driveway would follow an existing woods road. Ken Grossman stated that it makes sense to have the driveway placed on the existing wood road, and the use of erosion control mix berm is good practice. Alison expressed that she feels it is a lot that shouldn't be subdivided. Her concerns are with the length of the driveway, its proximity to the river, and the potential for salt runoff. She also questioned why a lot should be created that requires special permissions to build. There was discussion about the impact the construction could have on the wildlife, the river, and the wetland. Alison read from the U Mass wetland report that Ken had shared with the group. The report described how buffer areas are important to wetland wildlife. Alison also noted the disturbed turtle eggs at the site. Anne spoke of potential pollution of the Berry River impacting the Isinglass River. Matt Carpenter brought up the effect that compacting the soil for the driveway might have on the health of the river, and specifically mentioned an impact of flow pattern. The group decided to review this project at the next meeting and will decide then if a recommendation should be made.

- ii. Ramsdell Lane conservation subdivision Nothing new
  - iii. River's Peak subdivision: received conditional approval; signs for undisturbed buffer areas? John contacted Kim Tuttle about reclamation of the gravel pit for turtle habitat; she thought it was a fine idea and gave some suggestions for the reclamation. Alison again read from the U Mass wetland report which provided distances turtles can travel to fulfill their life cycles.
  - iv. Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). \$1000 still owed to stewardship fund. A letter is being sent to the Attorney General in support of the proposed amendment to the conservation easement.
  - v. **220-18-GR-14-SR (Stephen M. Flynn)** Request by the applicant for a Site Review and 3.4 Conditional Use Permit to open a Powder Coating home business with capacity to machine custom small parts with CNC mill machine on a 1.1 acre This will be covered at a later meeting.
  - vi. **206-20-GR-14-SUB/LL (Dawn & Douglas Hatch)** Request by the applicant for a Boundary Line Adjustment, Waivers and a 3 lot Subdivision on a 12.9 acre lot on Second Crown Point Road and Pond Hill Road (Map 206, Lot 20) in the General Residential Zoning District This will be covered at a later meeting.
  - vii. Schedule joint meeting to discuss issues?
- f. Reports on Saving Special Places meeting (Anne, John, Marika, Pam) John attended a session on easement modifications. One thing stressed at this presentation was that public perception is important, and if a conservation easement is changed the public needs to be educated as to the reason why. A second session John attended was on Blandings Turtles and their habitat requirements. Another topic dealt with climate change and how wildlife and wildlife management will adapt to this. Anne shared ideas from a session on building community. The presenter suggested reframing conservation as building community. Pam also attended this session, and there was discussion about the importance of connecting to the public to foster an understanding of the value of conservation. Pam and Anne also shared from a session on Valuation of Conservation Easements.  
Marika will share at the next meeting.
- g. Report on Welcome letter/packet to town (Pam) This is a work in progress.

- h. Treasurer's report (Pam) Pam will check to see if the payment has come in for the Village Place easement.
  - i. Intents to cut: none
- 5) Announcements/correspondence:
- 6) Easements:
- j. Easement monitoring: Village Place completed The only problem John found was that there are no markers behind the house lots. John has contacted Mr. Falzone on this.
- 7) Next scheduled meeting: July 3
- Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi