

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission
September 18, 2014 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

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

ABSENT: Julia Guimond, Alternate
 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 September 18, 2014 to order at 7:05.

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

- 1) Guests: none
- 2) Approval of minutes of Sept. 4, Sept. 10, Sept. 15
Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of September 15 (BCC work session for Article 9). Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Ken Grossman made a motion to accept the minutes of September 10. (Site walk on Canaan Back Road). Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Pam Failing made a motion to accept the minutes of September 4 as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

- 3) Complaints: John mentioned an ongoing complaint from a Sloper Road resident regarding a neighbor raising pigs and storing pig manure next to the Little Isinglass River. John will bring more information to the next BCC meeting.
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass property: ~300 acres along Isinglass. Greg Caporossi said a new survey is almost done and there should be a preliminary plan by end of the week, which he will share with the TPL appraiser. It was brought up that there needs to be baseline documentation for the LCHIP grant, and John indicated that he would be able to do this. John also mentioned that there might be a need for more money contributed from the Conservation Fund.
 - ii) Brookwood Shores property Karen Gould expressed that she is in the process of acquiring ownership of the parcel, with conservation restrictions. Her hope is to eventually move forward with conservation through WRE (Wetlands Reserve Easement).
 - iii) Renna property – funding applications have gone out.
 - iv) Monfet property – purchase is in progress
 - v) Cook property. Has met with SELTNH
 - b) BCC by laws
Ken provided a copy of the by laws for members to sign. These will be turned in to the town offices to be kept on file.
 - c) SATWaSR habitat improvement:
 - i) Need to conditionally approve up to \$6000 from the conservation fund for SATWaSR forester expenses: expect full remuneration from NRCS and/or timber sales.
Anne Melvin made a motion to conditionally approve up to \$6,000 from the conservation fund for SATWaSR forester expenses and up to \$20,000 from the conservation fund for SATWaSR road construction. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
It was noted that this should involve approval of the Selectmen. Pam had questions about the timing of the road construction and how this is being planned. John said that he believes Charlie Moreno will move forward with the planning and construction of the road and will check with NRCS as the road progresses.

ii) Need to conditionally approve up to \$20,000 from the conservation fund for SATWaSR road construction: expect full remuneration from NRCS and/or timber sales. This was covered in the motion above.

d) Goals for 2014

i) conservation plan:

ii) propose changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.

a) Revision of wetland buffer special use permit process (Ken)

The group had a lengthy review of the revised Article 9, with the purpose and language of the revisions discussed. John shared input from a wetland scientist. Ken offered to contact Tony Gaudiello to find out the final form the Planning Board would like to have presented for review.

b) Aquifer overlay district (Ken)

iii) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125

5) New Business:

a) Recommendations from site walk with PSNH for tree removal on Canaan Back Rd. Public hearing to be held on Oct. 2.

Pam expressed that she feels it's appropriate to take down the trees designated by PSNH as they look damaged and unlikely to survive. She suggested leaving the stumps for erosion control.

b) Planning Board

i) Results of Sept. 15 meeting, recommendation(s) to PB about zoning changes. This was discussed above.

ii) [224-1-NR-14-Sub \(W. Paul Cullen-Cullen Woods\)](#) Request by the applicant for an 11 lot Single family Subdivision, a waiver for underground utilities on a 48+/- acre lot on Smoke Street in the Neighborhood Residential (NR) Zoning District. **Conditionally Approved**

iii) Gerrior revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerrior Lane Trust\)](#). Request by applicant to present a Section 9.6 application for Special Permit for Construction in wetland buffer, Subdivide and create 10 lots, construct approximately 990LF of roadway, a shared driveway and realign a portion of Saint Matthews Drive located on Gerrior Lane and Saint Matthews Drive (Map 268, Lots 1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 & 1.5). \$1000 still owed to stewardship fund. **Continued to Oct. 7**

c) Pooh trail expenses: \$65.45 for polyurethane, brushes, nails (John)

John recused himself from voting.

Ken Grossman made a motion to reimburse John Wallace \$65.45 from the Conservation Fund for the expenses of polyurethane, brushes and nails.

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

John rejoined the group. It was mentioned that Carolyn Goodwill had donated \$100 for the trail maintenance, and this donation had been put into the conservation fund

- d) Report on wetland permitting workshop (John) John had attended a workshop and will share at the next meeting.
 - e) Report on Welcome letter/packet to town (Pam)
 - f) Form for permission to publish photos from public walks (Anne)
 - g) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) NHACC meeting Nov 1
- 7) Other committees: Trails Committee: John mentioned that the Trails Committee would like at least one more member to allow for work sessions without having a quorum present. He also shared that DES will need to be contacted regarding wetlands crossings on the Barrington Trail.
BNRCH: Marika and Pat shared the composting plans discussed at the BNRCH meeting. Amy Antonucci has been in contact with Mr. Fox composting in Eliot Maine and the group is exploring options to allow for community composting. Marika shared that she is hosting a pot-luck supper for the Barrington Waterways Group. Another session of Democracy School is being planned.
- 8) Easements
- a) Warren/Brasen Hill farm hoop house John stated that a hoop house being planned is supported in the easement language.
 - b) Problem on SATWaSR: need to send a letter to Emerald Acres John noted some dumping of trash, and he will send a letter to the association noting the need to respect the easement.
 - c) The SATWaSR infringement behind Northern Nursery has been rectified.
- 9) Pam mentioned
- a) her suggestion to have the BCC review the plot plan on the lot on Young Road currently being developed, specifically to note the wetland buffer. John suggested a letter pointing out the wetlands could be sent to the developer with a copy sent to Tom Abbott.
 - b) Barrington School Days on Wednesday the 24th and who might be attending.
 - c) Pam attended the ZBA meeting when there was discussion of the Flynn application for a milling and powder coating business. At the meeting Pam stressed the need for the environmental aspect of the operation to be carefully reviewed and specifically brought up the need for full containment of the process. Tom Abbott said the applicant will need to meet all the codes. The ZBA rejected the motion by the abutter to have the Planning Board reconsider the application.
 - d) Pam shared a conversation she had with Steve Lenzi regarding the field at the Boradavchuk easement. Steve had noticed that the field is reverting to weeds and scrub growth and wondered if there were plans to allow for it to be kept as a hay

field. There was discussion as to what is allowed under the easement, and John mentioned the possibility of funding through NRCS to maintain the field with mowing.

10) Next scheduled meeting: Oct. 2

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10. 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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