

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission, Agenda 1
December 18, 2014 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chairman
Ken Grossman
Anne Melvin
Marika Wilde, Alternate
Alison Desmarais, Alternate
Julia Guimond, Alternate

ABSENT: Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of December 18, 2014 to order at 7:00.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Chair John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above, with Alison and Marika serving as voting members.

Guests: Cilia Bannenberg

- 1) Public hearing on the purchase of the Calef Town Farm properties (tax maps 217 lot 27 and 218 lot 7) by the town. John opened the public meeting.

Ken Grossman spoke as a member of the public to thank the BCC, the various funders, and especially John Wallace for the work done in making the Calef easement possible. Ken pointed out that the Conservation Fund paid only \$500.00 per acre because of John Wallace's work in acquiring grants. John thanked Greg Caporossi of Trust for Public Land for his work in this endeavor. Marika, also speaking as a public citizen, stated that she is thrilled to have this easement go through. Anne spoke on behalf of the Isinglass River Local Advisory Committee

group and mentioned how wonderful it is to have this parcel protected. John closed the public hearing for the Calef property.

Motions for Public hearings, Dec 18, 2014

1. Ken Grossman made a motion to approve expenditure of \$150,000 from the Conservation Fund towards the purchase of the Calef Town Farm properties (tax maps 217 lot 27 and 218 lot 7). Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
2. Alison Desmarais made a motion to approve expenditure of \$20,000 from the Conservation Fund towards the purchase of the Calef Town Farm properties (tax maps 217 lot 27 and 218 lot 7). This amount is expected to be reimbursed from the Moose Plate Grant. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
3. Anne Melvin made a motion to approve expenditure of \$1342.53 from the Conservation Fund towards closing costs associated with the purchase of the Calef Town Farm properties (tax maps 217 lot 27 and 218 lot 7). Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
4. Marika Wilde made a motion to authorize expenditure of the \$40,000 received from NH Fish and Game to be used towards the purchase of the Calef Town Farm properties (tax maps 217 lot 27 and 218 lot 7). This amount to be paid to either the escrow agent responsible for the closing or to the Trust for Public Land as reimbursement for a bridge loan. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
5. Ken Grossman made a motion to accept grant of and authorize expenditure of \$100,000 from NH DES Aquatic Resources Mitigation fund, to be used towards the purchase of the Calef Town Farm properties (tax maps 217 lot 27 and 218 lot 7). This amount to be paid to either the escrow agent responsible for the closing or to the Trust for Public Land as reimbursement for a bridge loan. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to (0) in favor.

Ken clarified that the money from the Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund comes from funds established when wetlands are compromised and restitution money goes into a fund for future grants.

6. Alison Desmarais made a motion to accept grant of and authorize expenditure of \$200,000 from NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), to be used towards the purchase of the Calef Town Farm properties (tax maps 217 lot 27 and 218 lot 7). This amount to be paid to either the escrow agent responsible for the closing or to the Trust for Public Land as reimbursement for a bridge loan. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

2) Public hearing on the purchase of the Monfet property (tax map 263 lot 14) by the town, John opened the public hearing.

John reminded the group that this is a 4.7 acre parcel in the middle of the Tamposi land.

7. Anne Melvin made a motion to authorize expenditure of \$4700 from the Conservation Fund towards 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.
8. Marika Wilde made a motion to approve expenditure of \$350 from the Conservation Fund towards closing costs associated with the purchase of the Monfet property (tax map 263 lot 14). Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

John closed the public hearing.

- 3) Authorize acceptance of \$431,000 in public and private financing towards the Calef property.

Ken Grossman made a motion to reopen the Calef hearing. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

9. Ken Grossman made a motion to authorize acceptance of \$431,000 in public and private financing towards the Calef project. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

This public hearing was closed.

- 4) Authorize acceptance of \$8000 from the Bafflin Foundation to be used towards the purchase of the Renna property.

John opened the public meeting regarding the Renna property.

John mentioned that the Renna property is 35 acres connecting the two major parcels of the Tamposi property.

10. Alison Desmarais made a motion to authorize acceptance of \$8,000 from the Bafflin Foundation to be used towards the purchase of the Renna property.

Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

John closed the public meeting.

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. Alison Desmarais 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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