

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission, Agenda 2  
December 18, 2014 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

**PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chairman  
Ken Grossman  
Anne Melvin  
Marika Wilde, Alternate  
Julia Guimond, Alternate  
Alison Desmarais, 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 second meeting of December 18, 2014 to order at 7:30.

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

- 1) **Guests:** Cilia Bannenberg, Barrington Waterways Protection Committee  
Cilia spoke about presenting the Waterways Bill of Rights as a warrant article for town voting. Cilia requested that the ordinance be posted on the BBC website. Marika asked for clarification on how a gravel pit would negatively impact a nearby waterbody, such as the Isinglass. Cilia mentioned change in water temperature which would be detrimental to life in the river, increased salting of the road, and possible damage to the protected Blanding's turtle. There were questions about removing gravel extraction from the ordinance, but Cilia reiterated that the BWPC would like to keep gravel extraction as part of the ordinance.

There was consensus that the BCC post the ordinance on the CC website, but it would be noted that a website posting does not indicate support of the ordinance by the BCC.

2) Approval of minutes of Nov 20, Dec 18 public hearings

**Ken Grossman made a motion to accept the minutes of December 18, Agenda 1. Julia Guimond seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

**Julia Guimond made a motion to accept the minutes of November 20 as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

3) Complaints: Ken questioned the procedure to follow if one feels a wetland is being violated with building. John stated that the code enforcement officer would probably be the person to contact.

4) Old Business

a) Conservation Projects:

i) Calef Isinglass property – naming There was discussion by the BCC of possible names, and it was agreed that Calef Isinglass Preserve would be an appropriate title.

**Ken Grossman made a motion to recommend the name Calef Isinglass Preserve to the Selectmen. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).**

John will write a memo to the Selectmen regarding the proposed name.

ii) Brookwood Shores property

iii) Renna property – funding applications have gone out, \$1000 received from Oyster River Watershed Association, \$4000 from Fields Pond Foundation; Portsmouth will not help, and John's comment was, "Phlew". John recently received word that the Bafflin Foundation will contribute \$8,000.

iv) Monfet property – purchase is in progress

v) Cook property. Ken wondered about involving the Stone Farm development (abutters to the Cook property) and finding out if there is a homeowners association that might be interested in helping to conserve the Cook property.

b) SATWaSR habitat improvement: in progress The road has been completed, and the logging operation has started. The NRCS cutting can be done in phases, and enough cutting has been done to meet NRCS requirements for this year.

- c) Goals for 2014 – review, and go forward? The following will be goals for 2015. Ken mentioned that it would be good to involve other groups in building support for zoning changes, and he offered to attend a BRANCH meeting to discuss that group's possible participation.
  - i) conservation plan:
  - ii) proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
    - (1) Recommendations about wetland buffers
    - (2) Aquifer overlay district (Ken)
  - iii) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125
- 5) New Business:
  - a) Possible warrant article about increasing amount of Land Use Change Tax that goes to the conservation fund. Nick Coates has offered to help draft a warrant article to increase the BCC amount (50% to 75%) coming from the Land Use Change Tax. Ken would like to encourage support for this article through contact with other groups and town trail users.
  - b) Need for someone to serve on review board for surveyor for town. Anyone interested can contact Marcia.
  - c) Do we want to place Community Bill of Rights warrant on web site? This was covered above.
  - d) Alicia Lee to do Girl Scout Gold Award project in Town Forest: need approval, recommendation to selectmen Alicia is interested in replacing some of the signage and working on the amphitheater. Ken will write a memo to the Selectmen in support of Alicia Lee's project.
  - e) Dates of January meetings: scheduled for Jan 1 and 15. It is agreed to change meetings to January 8 and January 22.
  - f) Planning Board
    - i) 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.
    - g) Report on NHACC annual meeting (Anne, Marika, John) This will be covered at the next meeting.
    - h) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- 6) Announcements/correspondence: John received bills for road construction on SATWaSR. John passed this on to the town to be paid, with the understanding it will be remunerated by NRCS and timber sales.

- 7) Other committees: Trails Committee, BRANCH, IRLAC, ORLAC
- 8) Easements
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: Jan 8

**Alison Desmarais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. 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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