

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission
January 22, 2015 7:00 PM
Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chairman
Ken Grossman (left at 7:20)
Anne Melvin
Alison Desmarais, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

ABSENT: Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Marika Wilde, Alternate
Julia Guimond, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of January 22, 2015 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Guests:
- 2) Approval of minutes of Jan 8
Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of January 8 as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
- 3) Complaints:
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Brookwood Shores property there is nothing new.
 - ii) Renna property – funding applications have gone out, \$1000 received from Oyster River Watershed Association, \$4000 from Fields Pond Foundation, \$8000 from Bafflin Foundation; Portsmouth will not help. John indicated that Madbury may be able to contribute a token amount. There was discussion as to the order (selectmen or conservation commission approval first) of proposing conservation projects, It was suggested to keep the process as is with the Selectmen weighing in first and the CC holding a public hearing afterwards.
Alison Desmarais made a motion to endorse the purchase of the Renna property since the financial goal has been reached in accordance with the Selectmen’s criteria. Anne Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

- iii) Cook property. There is nothing new.
 - b) Warrant article about increasing amount of Land Use Change Tax that goes to conservation fund. Ken filled the group in on the progress of the proposed warrant article. He will put together a supporting fact sheet to be shared and distributed at the deliberative session.
 - c) CC Facebook page. Glenn said it would not be difficult to establish a Facebook page. He will do so, and asks for pictures from members
 - d) Goals for 2015
 - i) conservation plan:
 - ii) proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
 - (1) Recommendations about wetland buffers
 - (2) Aquifer overlay district
 - iii) Access/parking for SATWaSR from Route 125
 - iv) Calef 'roll-out' to public, trail work, restoration, etc. John mentioned that he would suggest a controlled burn of the shed located on one of the trails. It was also brought up that the parking lot might need to be upgraded before the public opening. There will need to be invasive removal and plantings done at some time, with funding by NRCS. John reminded the group that IRLAC will need to be consulted when work is done to remove invasives or have plantings,
 - v) Involve schools in conservation – Project Learning Tree
Anne shared ideas about engaging students in environmental issues and conservation. There was discussion about working with the Middle School teachers.
 - e) John brought up the possibility of the BCC sponsoring a camper at a 4-H camp. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- 5) New Business:
- a) Planning Board
 - i)Warrant articles revising permitted uses in a wetland buffer. Ken shared what was covered at the Planning Board regarding permitting of sheds in the buffer. There was a unanimous vote by the Planning Board to accept the ordinance as proposed, allowing the sheds.
 - ii)Gerritor revision: [268-1& Additional Lots -GR-13-SUB \(Gerritor Lane Trust\)](#). 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 Gerritor 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. The BCC reviewed plans for a rock crushing operation with material stockpiling areas. The consensus was that the BCC has no concerns.
 - iii)Liberty Lane 9.6 The group discussed a possible alternative placement of the house/garage so that there would be no impact to the buffer. It was noted that the buffer should be shown on the plan. There are concerns about foundation drainage, and it was mentioned that the proposed construction would be 18 ½ feet from the wetland.
Anne Melvin made a motion to have a memo written to the Planning Board outlining the BCC concerns as indicated in the points above. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor. Alison will draft the memo.
 - b) Report on NHACC annual meeting (Marika) This will be covered at a later meeting.
 - c) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
- 7) Other committees: Trails Committee, BRANCH, IRLAC, ORLAC

- 8) Easements
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: Feb 5

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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