

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission  
February 19, 2015 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: Alison Desmarais, Alternate  
Glenn Gould, Alternate  
Fred Bussiere, Selectmen representative  
Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Julia Guimond, Alternate

### CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of February 19, 2015 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Guests: Tracy Degnan, RCCD – wetland permits for trails on Haley property  
Tracy explained that the Rockingham County Conservation District is assisting NRCS in doing natural restoration programs. NRCS completes the designs and puts the plans together, and then it is passed on to RCCD for project completion, including permitting and arranging contractors. Both the James Haley and Waldron Haley projects are applying for minimum impact expedited review. Tracy reviewed the anticipated work which included replacing nonfunctioning culverts with stone fords and regrading existing forestry trails.  
**Anne Melvin made a motion to support the permit application for the Waldron Haley easement restoration. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).**

**Ken Grossman made a motion to support the permit application for the James Haley easement restoration. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).  
Chair Wallace signed the applications.**

2) Approval of minutes of Feb 5

**Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of February 5 as amended. Marika Wilde 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

ii) Renna property – purchase is in progress. Will we spend \$121 for title insurance?

**Ken Grossman made a motion to spend \$121 from the Conservation Fund to cover the cost of title insurance on the Renna property. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

iii) Cook property.

b) Warrant article about increasing amount of Land Use Change Tax that goes to conservation fund. Strategy for election day? Ken said that the ABB (A Better Barrington) flyer to be mailed out will have an explanation of the warrant article.

c) 4H club camp: do we want to sponsor a camper? Money must come from conservation fund. The group decided that it would not sponsor a camper.

d) Discussion of Power Point from Marika (Rick de Poll) about wetland values.

Marika shared from her notes and explained that the workshop had covered such things as the definition of wetlands, wetland identification and delineation, and biodiversity within wetlands.

e) 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 Charlie Moreno has told John that the access/parking area will be stumped in the spring before work can be done on the parking lot.

iv) Calef 'roll-out' to public, trail work, restoration, etc.

v) Involve schools in conservation – Project Learning Tree

5) New Business:

- a) Suggestion about minutes (Ken) Ken shared that he felt the minutes might be easier to read if there was an indication of what topics are ongoing on the agenda. John will consider possible ways to address this.
  - b) DES (via Dartmouth) wants to test educate Barrington residents about well water issues: role for Con Com? Marcia had spoken with Ken about well water education for Barrington residents. The group discussed if this an issue for the BCC to cover, and Ken suggested it might be appropriate for the ABB group to be involved.
  - c) Planning Board
    - i) Warrant articles revising permitted uses in a wetland buffer.
    - ii) 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.
  - d) wetland permits for crossings on Barrington trail John has completed the applications on behalf of the Trails Committee.

**Ken Grossman made a motion to give John permission to sign the wetland permits for crossings on the Barrington Trail. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - e) Rabbitat on SATWaSR return to town of ~\$70K The cost of the parking lot will come from this amount and it's anticipated that the remainder will go toward the forest management plan. Pam will request copies of the SATWaSR accounting for review.
  - f) Pay for development of parking area on Calef from conservation fund? John will check to see what the cost for materials might be, with the assumption that the town could provide the labor. John will also look into the possibility of NRCS contributing to the cost of the parking lot.
  - g) Treasurer's report (Pam)
  - h) Ken shared with the group information on SB83, which would require CC members to get permission to go on public land for gathering data. The group authorized Ken to write a note stating that the BCC is distressed at the possibility of SB83 being turned into statute
- 6) Announcements/correspondence: SELTNH will take over easement and monitoring of Goodwill Conservation Area
  - 7) Other committees: Trails Committee, BRANCH, IRLAC, ORLAC
  - 8) Easements
  - 9) Next scheduled meeting: Mar 5

**Ken Grossman made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi