

## MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

April 2, 2015 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Annex, Professional Development Center

**PRESENT:** John Wallace, Chairman  
Pam Failing, Vice-chair  
Marika Wilde  
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen representative  
Anne Melvin

**ABSENT:** Ken Grossman  
Alison Desmarais, Alternate  
Glenn Gould, Alternate  
Peter Sandin, Alternate  
Julia Guimond, Alternate

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of April 2, 2015 to order at 7:00.

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** Chair John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above, with Susan Gaudiello serving as a non voting member.

- 1) Guests: Joel DeStasio, Trout Unlimited (Fisher wetland permit application); Matt Carpenter, NH Fish and Game and Barrington Trails Committee  
Joel outlined the proposed trout habitat restoration project and explained that it involves cutting and placing of trees and vegetation in a 600 foot of streamway (second order tributary to the Mallego) to simulate trout habitat. This is off Route 126 near Waterhouse Road. Joel referred to the work as in stream wood loading and described this as a more effective approach than 'chop and drop'. This is on a WRP conservation easement, with Trout Unlimited working with NRCS and other state departments. Joel stressed that this should not affect the hydrology of the surrounding area. The stream will be monitored and have water analysis, including nutrient cycling, for three years.

Matt Carpenter further explained the techniques involved in the work and spoke favorably to the project. Pam wondered about the water temperature of the downstream wetlands and how this impacts the project. Matt said the goal could be to get a small population of trout to come in and stay. Matt explained that it is a “young science” and those involved will be learning from this trial project.

**Anne Melvin made a motion to approve and sign the wetland permit application as presented. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

John asked Joel and Matt about the status of the work on the Oyster River culvert that crosses Topaz Drive. Matt mentioned that the Oyster River is a priority since there are some endangered species downstream. The work will require a temporary bridge to allow passage to Emerald Acres. John wondered if Trout Unlimited would have funds to contribute to this project, and Joel said he would check with his supervisor regarding this. Also mentioned was the possibility of putting a conservation easement on a part of the Emerald Acres property.

2) Approval of minutes of March 19 (second meeting).

**Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of March 19 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

3) Complaints:

4) Old Business

a) Conservation Projects:

b) Forest Management plan for remainder of SATWaSR. Other properties?

John got links from Bob Eckert for an outline for an RFP. There is currently a draft management plan but it doesn't have a forestry component. Bob hopes to attend the next BCC meeting.

c) Goals for 2015

i) Calef ‘roll-out’ to public, trail work, restoration, etc.

ii) Involve schools in conservation – Project Learning Tree The trails committee will discuss improving and marking the trails behind the Middle School.

Trails behind the Middle School will be designated as not open to the public.

5) New Business:

a) Emerald Acres (Topaz Dr.) culvert replacement project This was discussed above.

b) Planning Board

c) Dredge and Fill applications

- i) ‘Chop and drop’ expedited application for work on tributary to Mallego Brook, on Verne Fisher property (Waterhouse Rd). This was discussed above.
- ii) Standard application, work in Ayers Lake for dock construction, Michelle Wilson Stillwater Way The group discussed the application and expressed concerns with the size of the structure and its impact to the aesthetics of the lake and its recreational use. The BCC would recommend that the applicant consider downsizing the scope of the project.

**Marika Wilde made a motion for John to send a letter to DES expressing concerns with the application for the dock construction. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

- d) New watershed map
- e) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- f) Legislative updates (Ken)
- g) Ryan Young from Forest Society has been in contact with owners of the “Golden Pond Estates”(includes Barrington Pride and Sherwood West lands,.., approximately 1500 acres) regarding conserving the parcel.
- 6) Announcements/correspondence: Saving Special Places conference is next weekend.
- 7) Other committees: Trails Committee, BRANCH, IRLAC, ORLAC John mentioned that ORLAC is nearing acceptance of the Oyster River corridor management plan.
- 8) Easements
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: April 16

*Items remaining on agenda, but not expected to be discussed at this meeting:*

- a) Conservation Projects:
  - i) Renna property – purchase is in progress
  - ii) Brookwood Shores property
  - iii) Cook property
- b) Need to hire Mark & Greg Messenger, who built logging road on SATWaSR to a) work on road; b) build parking lot; c) move gate. Excess from project is \$57,150.01.
- c) Goals for 2015
  - i) conservation plan:
  - ii) proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.
    - (1) Recommendations about wetland buffers
    - (2) Aquifer overlay district

**Anne Melvin made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. Pam Failing 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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