

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission
June 18, 2015 7:00 PM
Barrington Middle School Library, Rte 9

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

ABSENT: 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 June 18, 2015 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings John reported seeing a Blandings turtle on SATWaSR. There were reports of a turkey with chicks and fledging phoebes.
- 2) Guests: Diane St. Jean to discuss school involvement; Tim Puls to observe meeting.
- 3) Approval of minutes of June 4 Approval of minutes was tabled until next meeting.
- 4) Complaints
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd.: could we help with appraisal costs? This was covered at the June 4th meeting.

- ii) Myhre-Helfgott properties: 102 acres, 32 acres, 118 acres The owner would like to sell all three properties, and the CC discussed the attributes of the parcels, keeping both conservation and development potential in mind.
- b) Parking area and road/trail maintenance on Rte 125 entrance to SATWaSR; may need an extra \$500-\$600 The work is done! The BCC is planning a public hike July 9th at 6:00. It was mentioned that rye grass (ideally a mixture of annual and perennial) should be planted along the side of the road. John brought up the possibility of providing a photo spot for taking broad view pictures, and UNH is able to use the photos to show change over time.
- c) Calef Isinglass River Preserve
 - i) NRCS needs to remove or replace culvert on perennial stream. Pam mentioned that we need to find out how much time is allowed for the work to be completed.
 - ii) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve: another ~\$15,000 may be needed. In an email response to John Scruton, Peter Cook said material would be about \$3,000-\$3,500, and the work would be done when there is time. It could be September or later. This would need to be checked with the Selectmen. Ken will ask John Scruton to get a full cost estimate from Peter (including material, equipment, and labor) with the goal of putting this proposal before the selectmen for approval so that the work can be completed by mid-October.
- d) Goals for 2015
 - i) Calef 'roll-out' to public, trail work, restoration, etc. This was discussed above.
 - ii) Involve schools – Trails Committee working on trails behind Middle School Diane St. Jean reviewed some possibilities of trail work. She said that science teacher Shawn Gygax has an interest in studying water quality in the Mallego Brook, and this might involve a shorter route due to time constraints. Diane would like to do a walking trail to the Brook, and she would be glad to mark the trail temporarily so that she can do this walk again in October. Both Shawn and Diane are interested in a path to the vernal pool. John will get in touch with Charlie Tatham regarding the Trails Committee working on the trails, and Diane will check again with Shawn to see what his needs might be.
 - iii) Conservation plan:
 - iv) Proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc.

Ken suggested getting more involvement from the community in the form of a subcommittee to garner support and input regarding the proposed changes. This will be discussed at future meetings.

(1) Recommendations about wetland buffers

(2) Aquifer overlay district

- e) New watershed map: The group reviewed the new map. John said it would be good to have this map on display on town voting days.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Planning Board: Capital Improvements Program update John reminded the group that if the Bumfagging easement goes through it would be a major expense. The group consensus was to let Marcia know there could be a request for (up to) a \$500,000 bond to put toward the conservation of the Bumfagging property.
 - b) Dredge and Fill applications
 - c) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - d) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - e) **Susan Gaudillo made a motion to reimburse Marika for the lamination of the watershed maps. This money could come out of education byline of the regular budget. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) DES: Marcotte dock installation, Stillwater Way (Ayers Lake): approved
 - b) SELT newsletter
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC BRANCH will start meeting again with a meeting scheduled for June 29th.
- 9) Easements: John did Coachman Estate and Borodavchuk There was brief discussion about procedure when there is no easement owner. In the Coachman Estate easement the homeowners' association no longer exists.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: July 2 (Wallace will be away)

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Brookwood Shores property
 - ii) "Bumfagging Hill" project: SELT has taken over
 - iii) Cook property
 - iv) Cullen Woods property – town has taken title to open space
 - v) Renna property
- b) Emerald Acres (Topaz Dr.) culvert replacement project

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn at 8:55. Susan Gaudillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0).