

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission
July 16, 2015 7:00 PM
Barrington Middle School Library, Rte 9

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-Chair
Marika Wilde
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen representative

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

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of July 16, 2015 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings There was a report of a Blandings turtle laying her eggs, Barred Owls, turkeys with chicks, and possibly Monarch butterflies.
- 2) Guests: none
- 3) Approval of minutes of July 2 **Susan Gaudiello made motion to approve the minutes of July 2 as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor. John abstained from voting since he had not attended the July 2 meeting.**
- 4) Complaints “inappropriate activity” on Goodwill (Steve “Mushroom” Kittredge) Mr. Kittredge had contacted John to express concerns he has about inappropriate activity occurring on the Goodwill property. The group discussed the issue and decided that no action would be taken. Mr. Kittredge did indicate that the police have also been made aware of the activity.
- 5) Old Business

a) Conservation Projects:

- i) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd.: owner will pay half of appraisal John heard from Duane Hyde from SELT, and he said the owner has agreed to pay half the appraisal cost. SELT has made an application in for PREP money for a grant to cover the remaining half of the cost.
- ii) Myhre-Helfgott properties: 102 acres, 32 acres, 118 acres Duane Hyde indicated that SELT won't pursue this. The commission will not do so either, but will look closely at any proposed development on the property in order to protect its natural resources.
- iii) Brookwood Shore property Karen Gould has obtained ownership. She will look toward Wetland Reserve in a few years.

b) Calef Isinglass River Preserve

- i) NRCS needs to remove or replace culvert on perennial stream. Pam reported that this activity will not take place until the summer or fall of 2016.
- ii) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve: another ~\$15,000 may be needed. Update? Peter Cook has indicated that it wouldn't be until next spring that the town could do the work. Marcia said she would give Pam David Vincent's plan for the parking area and road upgrade. John mentioned that the parking area has to fit into the piece held out of the easement for that purpose. The BCC would like to see maps showing the easement and the specs for anticipated work. Pam and Ken are anticipating a meeting with Peter Cook, John Scruton, and Rick Walker to get more details.

c) Goals for 2015

- i) Calef 'roll-out' to public, trail work, restoration, etc. Expect to be in 2016
- ii) Involve schools – Trails Committee is working on trails behind Middle School. John received an email from county forester Andy Fast saying that he could get a student to do a forest management plan on the trail behind the Middle School. This could highlight educational features. John will talk with the school district Superintendent about this. There was further discussion about how the CC might assist Diane St. Jean with trail walks.
- iii) Conservation plan: Pam is consolidating all the information.
- iv) Proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. (Ken)
 - (1) Recommendations about wetland buffers
 - (2) Aquifer overlay district

6) New Business:

d) Planning Board: Capital Improvements Program update

Ask for money for Bumfagging Hill project.

Pam Failing made a motion to authorize John to request \$500,000 toward a bond for the Bumfagging project and another \$500,000 for two to ten years out for other conservation opportunities that might come up. Marika Wilde

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor. Susan Gaudiello, as Selectmen representative, abstained from voting.

- e) Dredge and Fill applications
- f) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- g) Legislative updates (Ken)

7)Announcements/correspondence: John received a request from the Conservation Commission in Mason NH to support opposition to the KinderMorgan natural gas pipeline. John will scan the letter and send to individuals for perusal.

h) DES:

8)Other committees: Trails Committee – signs are up on Barrington Trail. IRLAC, ORLAC On August 15 Dennis will lead a hike on the Barrington Trail.

9)Easements: John monitored parts of SATWaSR

10)Next scheduled meeting: August 6 (Wallace will be away) The August 6 meeting has been canceled. Pam will notify the group should a meeting become necessary. The next scheduled meeting will be August 20.

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

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

Susan Gaudiello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. 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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