

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

August 20, 2015 7:00 PM
Barrington Middle School Library, Rte 9

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-Chair
Marika Wilde
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen representative
Glenn Gould, Alternate
Anne Melvin
Ken Grossman
Alison Desmarais, Alternate

ABSENT: Peter Sandin, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of August 20, 2015 to order at 7:00.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Chair John Wallace confirmed the presence of members as above, with Glenn Gould and Alison Desmarais joining as non voting members.

- 1) Sightings John Wallace reported a family of raccoons, and Marika spotted a very large bird, possibly an eagle. She also commented that the Library talk on coyotes was fascinating. Alison continues to be on the lookout for specimens for the Big Tree Program. Ken shared the thrill of seeing loons on Grafton Pond.
- 2) Guests: from SELT Duane Hyde from SELT to share information on the Bumfagging Hill Project. **Susan Gaudiello made a motion to go into non public session. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**
Susan Gaudiello made a motion to come out of non public session. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0)

in favor. (Grossman – aye, Wilde – aye, Failing – aye, Wallace – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Melvin – aye)

- 3) Approval of minutes of July 16 **Susan Gaudiello made a motion to approve the minutes of July 16 as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Complaints none
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Renna property: All paperwork is in order. Need to recommend its inclusion in SATWaSR to selectmen **Ken Grossman made a motion to have the selectmen accept the Renna property as part of the SATWaSR conservation easement. Susan Gaudiello seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor** John will write a memo to the selectmen with this recommendation.
 - b) Emerald Acres (Topaz Dr.) Oyster River culvert replacement project
 - i) Letter supporting bridge replacement for ARM grant application **Susan Gaudiello made a motion to have a letter from the BCC written in support of the bridge replacement project. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**
 - ii) Will we contribute \$5000 towards the project? \$100,000 is committed from NRCS, and other funding sources are being pursued. The purpose is to put in a new culvert to allow for wildlife passage. There was discussion about the purpose and guidelines for use of Conservation funds, and Anne Melvin wondered if a contribution toward this project is within those guidelines. John stated that he feels such a contribution fits within the RSA guidelines for use of conservation funds. **John Wallace made a motion to use the Conservation Fund to put \$5,000 toward the culvert replacement project. Pam Failing seconded the motion.**
Anne stated that she feels a lesser amount might be appropriate, and Susan Gaudiello agreed adding that she feels it is useful to make a good will gesture, and \$2,000 is sufficient for this purpose. **Anne Melvin made a motion to amend the amount from \$5,000 to \$2,000. Susan Gaudiello seconded the amended motion, which passed with a vote of four (4) to two (2) with Failing and Wallace opposing. The amended motion then passed passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.**
 - iii) Are we willing to accept a conservation easement on ~ 12 acres as part of the process? This will be discussed at a future meeting.
 - c) Calef Isinglass River Preserve

- i) NRCS needs to remove or replace culvert on perennial stream. Will happen next spring or summer
- ii) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve: another ~\$15,000 may be needed. Update? This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- d) Goals for 2015
 - i) Calef 'roll-out' to public, trail work, restoration, etc.
 - ii) Involve schools – Trails Committee working on trails behind Middle School; BMS group hikes planned for the fall. The Barrington School Board approved having a UNH forestry management student do a management plan for the trails at Middle School.
 - iii) Conservation plan:
 - iv) Proposed changes to zoning, subdivision, etc. (Ken)
 - (1) Recommendations about wetland buffers
 - (2) Aquifer overlay district
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Con Com Facebook page (Glenn) John Scruton spoke with Glenn about the issue of posting on twitter and facebook. His concern was the editing policy (who monitors what's appropriate and not). The selectmen will have to approve the editing policy. Glenn will have more discussion with John Scruton regarding this.
 - b) Planning Board: Site Plan, Kendall Auto, Auto repair and sales, Map 220 lot 43 (Rte 125 & Chapman) Susan had a question about the amount of impervious surface that is proposed to be paved. It was noted that the wetlands would not be impacted, and there would be rain gardens to manage building runoff. John will ask Marcia for the narrative, and this plan will be discussed at a future meeting.
 - c) Pam asked about how the BCC receives notices from the Planning Office for CC comment. Ken suggested Pam have an informal discussion with Marcia to find out how plans are passed to the CC for review.
 - d) Variance request for lot on Nippo came to the ZBA with the plan unchanged. The ZBA did not accept the variance as proposed. The applicant plans to revise the plan and return to the ZBA in October.
 - e) UNH Wildlife Ecology professor John Litvaitis is interested in getting a class out to do further work on the "Rabbitat" areas of SATWaSR.
 - f) \$2706.29 in SATWaSR stewardship fund John will find out what the restrictions are in use of this fund.
 - g) Town Common deadlines are as follows: Oct 7, Dec 2, The BCC can submit things to the Town Common.
 - h) Dredge and Fill applications
 - i) Treasurer's report (Pam)

- j) Legislative updates (Ken)
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) DES:
 - i) Shoreland impact permit on Small Rd., approved
 - ii) More info needed for wetlands permit for Gerrior subdivision
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC
- 9) Easements: Borodavchuk, Coachman Estates, SATWaSR monitored
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: September 3

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) “Bumfagging Hill” project
 - ii) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd.
 - iii) Brookwood Shores property
 - iv) Cook property
 - v) Cullen Woods property – town has taken title to open space

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40. Susan Gaudiello seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

NOTE: THESE ARE SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES ONLY.