

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

June 16, 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
 Marika Wilde
 Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison
 Alison Desmarais
 Anne Melvin
 Pam Failing, Vice-chair (arrived at 8:25)

ABSENT: Ken Grossman, Alternate
 Peter Sandin, Alternate
 Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of June 16, 2016 to order at 7:09.

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

- 1) Sightings There were sightings of a snapping turtle, loon chicks, bald eagles, a blandings turtle, a chestnut sided warbler, a ruffed grouse and, of course, ticks.
- 2) Guests: Dan Ayer attended as a member of the public.
- 3) Approval of minutes of June 2 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Complaints: John shared a note he had received from Richard Gsottschneider on Hemlock Lane regarding questions and concerns about proposed construction on 10 acres on Hemlock Lane. It was decided that this is out of the jurisdiction of the BCC, and John's response will reflect this.
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:

(1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve

(2) Calef 'roll-out' to public, July 9 George Calef will attend.

ii) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd: John is working on the LCHIP application.

It was mentioned that SELT is applying for ARM money, and there needs to be a wetland functions and values assessment done. SELT would like to contract Mark West to do it. **Alison Desmarais made a motion to authorize up to \$2,000 from the Conservation Fund for the wetlands functions and values assessment on the Barr property. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.** John will let Duane Hyde know this has been approved.

b) Goals for 2016

i) Conservation plan:

ii) Management plans for town properties Alison suggested using the SATWaSR management plan as a template for other management plans. Dan mentioned that Rick Walker would like to be a part of the plan so that he can have input on access for safety and fire. Alison will work on a template, and Susan suggested a timeline for completion of management plans for all the properties.

iii) Turtle crossings

iv) Put on program(s) for education about wetlands

6) New Business:

a) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW: owner will sell to town for \$58,000 John would like to make an offer to pay half of the appraisal fee, if necessary, if the land goes into easement. John will contact Fred Bussiere for a value estimate and let the Newskys know that negotiations are possible.

b) Dam on Richardson Pond (Goodwill Conservation Area): repair, destroy, how pay? DES has repairs to be made rough estimate of \$10,000. John Scruton presented options to the BCC for dam repair or breaching the dam.

A letter of deficiency was sent from the Dam Bureau. Pam noted that the letter pointed out the work that should be completed by July 1 (removal of beaver debris, cleaning out the inlet, and filling sink holes), and requested the return of a form outlining the work and future plans. Pam volunteered to work with Peter Cook in filling out the form. The Bureau has requested an engineering study be completed by 2019. Pam predicted that any costs might come between 2019 and 2021 for engineering and dam repair. There was discussion about installing a beaver deceiver pipe. John notified SELT Easement Stewardship Director Deb Goard about the issue, and she noted that four out of five points on the easement are related to protecting the pond. John will write a letter to the Selectmen

recommending that the immediate work be done right away, and that we take time to consider long-term options.

c) Lot merger: Renna, Lahey and rest of SATWaSR John suggested merging the Renna, Leahy, Dexter and other lots contiguous to SATWaSR into one lot.

Alison Desmarais made a motion to recommend to the Selectmen the merger of all the contiguous town owned property that was acquired for conservation purposes within or abutting SATWaSR. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

d) \$20,000 from Moose Plate program arrived for Calef This goes into the Conservation Fund as reimbursement for what was put into the Calef acquisition.

e) Turtle crossing signs: when do we 'shut down?' Alison will check with Mike Marchand on when to put the signs down.

f) Summer schedule & location Meetings will be in the Conference Room at BES. The schedule can be discussed at a future meeting.

g) NHACC booklet on invasive plant strategies

h) New county champion black cherry, on Calef

i) Planning Board:

j) ZBA

k) Dredge and Fill applications

l) Treasurer's report (Pam)

m) Legislative updates (Ken)

7) Announcements/correspondence:

a) Maps – anybody want some? The maps were a hot item; many were taken.

b) Thank-you note from Traci Bisson (library committee)

c) DES:

8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC

9) Easements:

10) Next scheduled meeting: July 7, Meetings in the summer will be held in the conference room of BES.

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

a) Verifying wetland delineations

b) Conservation Projects:

i) Stonehouse Forest

ii) Cook property

iii) Wilson property for sale (on Mendums, abuts Jeffrey and Brookwood Shores)

Alison Desmarais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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