

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

July 21, 2016 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Marika Wilde
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison
Alison Desmarais
Anne Melvin
Ken Grossman, Alternate

ABSENT: John Wallace, Chair
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Vice-Chair Pam Failing called the meeting of July 21, 2016 to order at 7:00.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Vice-chair Pam Failing confirmed the presence of members as above.

- 1) Sightings Ken reported a Blandings turtle and a Spotted turtle. There were sightings of deer, hawks, loons, foxes, turkeys, rabbits, and sandpipers.
- 2) Guests: Dan Ayer attended as a public citizen.
- 3) Approval of minutes of July 7 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Complaints:
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:
 - (1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve Pam and Alison reported that the Calef roll out walk went very well. Pam mentioned that it would be good to have someone from the CC contact Mr. Bedford regarding the property lines for the Calef Preserve as

there seemed to be a question about where the Bedford property is in relation to the Calef Preserve.

(2) Dam on Richardson Pond (Goodwill Conservation Area): updates? The road crew did get in and do cleaning up of brush.

b) Goals for 2016

i) Conservation plan

ii) Management plans for town properties

iii) Put on program(s) for education about wetlands.

- Ken indicated that this might happen in the fall.

6) New Business:

a) Falzone proposed purchase of land at Rt125 & Substitute Road. Need recommendation for Selectman

Mr. Falzone expressed an interest in buying the .33 acre lot (currently town owned) at the corner of Route 125 and Substitute Road, which he indicated could be combined with the 5 acre parcel to allow better setbacks on the 5 acre parcel. Ken voiced concern that selling the lot brings the owner closer to what should be protected, and Pam mentioned that by keeping the lot contiguous with the other open space it affords more conservation protection. It was decided that not enough information was given for the CC to make an informed decision/recommendation. The CC will request that Mr. Falzone, or his representative, attend the next CC meeting to learn what is planned for the adjacent 5 acre lot.

7) Planning Board:

a) ZBA

b) Dredge and Fill application Correspondence came from DES indicating that a plan for the retaining wall replacement on Mendums was sent back as incomplete because it was lacking a plan view indicating how sediment and erosion control would be done.

c) Legislative updates (Ken)

8) Announcements/correspondence:

none

9) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC

10) Easements:

11) Next scheduled meeting: Aug 4th

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

d) Conservation Projects:

i) Stonehouse Forest

ii) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd

iii) Cook property

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Alison Desmarais 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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