

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission

October 20, 2016, 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-chair (at 7:45)
Marika Wilde
Anne Melvin
Ken Grossman, Alternate

ABSENT: Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison
Alison Desmarais
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of October 20, 2016 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings Marika reported a snapping turtle, and a broad tailed hawk and osprey were sighted.
- 2) Guests: Dan Ayer attended as a public citizen.
- 3) Approval of minutes of October 6 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6 as amended. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd John will put in applications to Fields Ponds and Bafflin Foundation.
 - ii) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:
 - (1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve A preliminary report by Dave Allain indicates that the proposed parking area is not wetland; he will do a more thorough delineation to go on a plan. Pam can design a parking lot.
 - iii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW: An evaluation of shooting range is in process.

- b) Turtle Crossing signs? Ken did take down the signs on Scruton Pond Road.
- c) Goals for 2016
 - i) Conservation plan:
 - ii) Management plans for town properties Anne Melvin talked with Don Quigley (UNH), and Anne will follow up with him regarding students working on a management plan.

5) New Business:

- a) Dredge and Fill applications:
 - i) Newhall, Rosemary Ln: replace retaining wall on Swain's lake (permit by notification) The group reviewed the plans and decided there were no recommendations or concerns. **Ken Grossman made a motion to have John sign the permit by notification. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** John signed the permit
 - ii) Town, Young Rd: replace culvert (Standard permit) After review of the plans, Pam expressed concerns that the flow value indicated is low and the proposed culvert might be undersized. **Ken Grossman made a motion for Pam Failing to write a memo to the DES wetland bureau, with a copy to the town, expressing concerns about the mode of assessing the hydrology. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** Pam will write a memo.
- b) Possible Warrant articles (Ken)
 - i) Expanding the aquifer protection ordinance we passed last year at town meeting Ken will send the group ordinances from other towns regarding what could be prohibited in aquifer protection ordinances.
 - ii) Raising the transfer tax conservation portion to 90?, 100? The group feels that it might be appropriate in a year or two to ask for an increase in the conservation portion of transfer tax.
- c) Planning Board: Proposed renovations to Federal Savings (Rte 125) Anne Melvin, as an abutter, recused herself from voting. There were no plans available for viewing, and after some discussion the members agreed that there is a need for more review by the CC.
Ken Grossman made a motion to have John write a memo to the PB requesting more time to review the plans on the proposed renovation. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor. John will write the memo.
- d) ZBA
- e) Treasurer's report (Pam) Pam reported the current CC balance is \$382,349.77.
 - i) \$1500 from TNC for Renna – in Conservation Fund? Pam will check on this.
- f) Report on Water supply land conservation (Anne, John) NH Coastal Viewer Anne and John presented members with a synopsis of the workshop on water supply and conservation. Discussed was the importance of conserving land for

drinking water and new informational tools for prioritizing lands for protection in the coastal region. John shared that the NH Coastal Viewer site provides a lot of good information. John will contact the NHACC for a presentation of the informational tools to a group of area Conservation Commissions.

- g) Legislative updates (Ken) There were no updates.
 - h) Dam on Bellamy River. Peter Cook spoke with Pam, and the town is aware of the situation. Since the Swains' dam will be opened Nov. 1, David Price (DES) asked that the town write to DES indicating this is an urgent case and asking for a review. **Ken Grossman made a motion to authorize Pam to write a letter to DES outlining the situation regarding the alteration of flow on the Bellamy. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** Pam will write the letter.
 - i) Display for voting day? It was agreed that a BCC display will be set up.
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) SELT everlasting
 - i) Fall Foliage walk Stonehouse Pond, 10/22 11AM
 - ii) Fall Fundraiser, Portsmouth, 11/11, 6PM
 - iii) Stonehouse Forest walk 12/3, 9AM
 - b) NHACC meeting Nov 12
 - c) Presentation on wetlands and wildlife at library, Nov 2 6PM
- 7) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC
- 8) Easements:
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: November 3

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Stonehouse Forest
 - ii) Cook property

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35. Anne Melvin 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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