

Barrington Conservation Commission

November 3, 2016, 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Marika Wilde
Anne Melvin
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison
Alison Desmarais

ABSENT: Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Ken Grossman, Alternate
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of November 3, 2016 to order at 7:00.

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

- 1) Sightings Large flocks of migrating starlings or grackles were mentioned.
- 2) Guests: Sam Faulkner, re possible buyer for USA Springs property (Nottingham and Barrington), Dan Ayer attended as a public citizen. Sam attended as a representative of the Barrington Waterways Protection Committee. He gave the background of the past plan for the USA Spring bottling plant and explained that there is a hearing in Manchester (Nov 15) regarding a possible sale of the property to Nottingham Springs. If this sale is approved, water protection groups are planning a press conference, and the BWPC would be seeking support of the BCC to oppose a water bottling plant. John suggested waiting until after the hearing to see if sale goes through. and then a decision could be made regarding town/BCC involvement.
- 3) Approval of minutes of October 20 **Marika Wilde made a motion to approve the minutes of October 20 as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:
 - (1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef Preserve The wetlands have been delineated, and John reports that the wetland area appears pretty minimal. Pam and John will transfer this

delineation to a plan, and Pam will design the parking area which can then go to bid. John has flagged where a trail might go to connect the parking area to the existing trails.

- b) Turtle Crossing signs Peter Cook suggested that the town crew take the signs down and store them for the winter. John will let Peter know the BCC concurs, and someone will let Peter know when the signs can go up in the spring.
 - c) Possible Warrant articles (Ken)
 - i) Expanding the aquifer protection ordinance. Ken will talk with Marcia about possible additions to the ordinance.
 - d) Goals for 2016
 - i) Conservation plan:
 - ii) Management plans for town properties
- 5) New Business:
- a) Dredge and Fill applications: none
 - b) Planning Board:
 - i) Proposed renovations to Federal Savings (Rte 125) This was approved by the Planning Board.
 - c) ZBA
 - d) Display at voting Alison will assist Marika with moving the display and Ken and Allison will help with setting up the display.
 - e) Bellamy 'dam' update? This will be covered at a later meeting.
 - f) NHACC looking into regional workshop on GRANIT's NH Coastal Viewer After its annual meeting, the NHACC will organize a regional workshop to promote the use of GRANIT's NH Coastal Viewer.
 - g) NHACC dues **Anne Melvin made motion to pay the NHACC dues of \$375. Alison Desmarais seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of four (4) to zero.** John will let Marcia know
 - h) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - i) \$1500 from TNC for Renna – in Conservation Fund?
 - i) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - j) Marika asked about having Ray Turmelle's slides transferred to a computer program. The group gave Marika suggestions that she can pass along to Ray.
- 6) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) Falzone Purchase of Rte 125 property: tabled due to illness The group discussed this issue for clarification. John will attend the Selectmen's meeting if this issue is on the agenda.
 - b) SELT everlasting
 - i) Fall Fundraiser, Portsmouth, 11/11, 6PM
 - ii) Weekend Walkabout, Stonehouse Pond, 11/12
 - iii) Stonehouse Forest walk 12/3, 9AM
 - c) NHACC meeting Nov 12
 - d) Presentation on wetlands and wildlife at library, Nov 2 6PM

- 7) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC
- 8) Easements: Gerrior, Mendums, and Rivers Edge have been monitored.
- 9) Next scheduled meeting: November 17 (Pam will chair)

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd
 - ii) Stonehouse Forest
 - iii) Cook property
 - iv) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW

Alison Desmarais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. Anne Melvin 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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