

Barrington Conservation Commission

December 1, 2016, 7:00 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

(Approved January 5, 2017)

PRESENT: Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Marika Wilde
Anne Melvin
Alison Desmarais

ABSENT: John Wallace, Chair
Susan Gaudiello, Selectmen liaison
Ken Grossman, Alternate
Peter Sandin, Alternate
Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Vice-chair Pam Failing called the meeting of December 1, 2016 to order at 7:05.

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

- 1) Sightings Turkeys, a bobcat, mice (heard, but not seen) and bluebirds were reported.
- 2) Guests: Troup leaders, parents, and scouts from Barrington Boy Scout Troup 358. The scouts attended the meeting as part of attaining their citizenship in the community badge, and each scout will choose a topic and do a follow up interview based on a topic covered in the meeting. For the benefit of the Boy Scouts the CC gave an overview of what the CC does and some of the issues that are addressed. Dan Ayer attended as a public citizen.
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of November 17 This will be covered at the next meeting.
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Stonehouse Forest – SELT received \$20,000 from Moose Plate program
 - ii) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:
 - (1) Parking area & improvement to Town Farm Road for access to Calef There was discussion about the possibility of having the parking lot driveway off the side road rather than Town Farm Road. Dan expressed reservations with this idea because of questions about the homeowners' right of way

and having to join an association. Pam will check into ownership and deeds for the road. Alison reported there is good progress on the new trail.

(2) Culvert replacement This project is near completion.

(3) Unauthorized structure

iii) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd: received \$150,000 grant from LCHIP, \$61,545 from DES ARM. Remaining funding needed is \$110,000. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

b) Goals for 2016

i) Conservation plan:

ii) Management plans for town properties Anne will contact the Thompson School to find the contact teacher for the forest management course. The BCC has discussed the possibility of having forestry students assist with developing management plans.

c) Bellamy 'dam' update? No update

d) Falzone Purchase of Rte 125 property: Pam attended the Selectmen's meeting where Mr. Falzone explained his purpose for purchasing the lot off Substitute Road. At the meeting Mr. Falzone said he had not asked the state for access from 125, and this prompted the Selectmen to request that Mr. Falzone contact the state regarding the possibility of gaining access from 125. The Selectmen have tabled this pending a response from the state and further study.

6) New Business:

a) Con com terms expiring: Pam (full), Peter (alternate) Pam will apply for another term, and Peter will be notified.

b) Dredge and Fill applications: Rochester Reservoir, After reviewing the plans the group determined that it does not see any issues with the proposed pipe replacement and the wetland impact, but it does have concerns with the increased withdrawal from and impact to the quantity of the water in the Berry River and water bodies and groundwater downstream. Pam questioned the methods used to study the impact. The decision was to not sign the application and have Pam write a letter. **Anne Melvin made a motion to have Pam research the plans and write a response to DES based on her findings. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

c) Planning Board:

d) ZBA

e) Treasurer's report (Pam)

i) \$1500 from TNC for Renna – in Conservation Fund?

f) Legislative updates (Ken)

g) Report from NHACC annual meeting (John)

7) Announcements/correspondence:

a) NHANRS: Soils workshop 12/2, quarterly meeting 12/8

b) UNHCE: Forest Laws workshop 12/14

c) SELT Stonehouse Forest walk 12/3, 9AM

- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: All completed. Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: December 15

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Cook property
 - ii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
- b) NHACC looking into regional workshop on GRANIT's NH Coastal Viewer

Alison Desmarais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45. 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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