

Conservation Commission

April 6, 2017, 6:30 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Marika Wilde
Anne Melvin
Doug Bogen, alternate
Ken Grossman

ABSENT: Glenn Gould, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of April 6, 2017 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings Mentioned as sightings were hawks, cardinals, bluebirds, loons, a barred owl, a bald eagle, and a pileated woodpecker. Also noted were a fox, beaver, and what was identified as mink scat.
- 2) Guests Dan Ayer attended as a public citizen.
 - a) Derek Small, (and wildlife educator Jean) Wildlife Encounters: interest in Barr property Mr. Small gave background of the organization and plans for expansion. He has had discussions with John Huckins and Marcia Gasses regarding compliances with zoning. He mentioned that there would be a security fence surrounding the complex (5 acres). Discussed was the need for parking and the possibility of needing the road upgraded. Mr. Small intends to have more discussion with Marcia Gasses regarding the requirements for the Seavey Bridge road.
 - b) Francis Parisi, Varsity Wireless: cell tower within 75' of wetland (for ZBA) As an abutter Marika recused herself. The proposed cell tower would be at the Lenzi gravel pit Route 125. Steve Kellerher presented the plans for Varsity wireless and explained that it is a 75 foot wetland setback for a cell tower. The plan as presented shows a 60 foot setback that requires an application for a variance. The group discussed the plans and expressed concerns with the wetlands being prime wetlands and possibly requiring a 100 foot setback. It was requested that the plans show the (prime) wetlands clearly delineated with the stamp and signature of a wetland scientist. There will be further discussion in two weeks at the next CC meeting. Marika rejoined the group.
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of March 16 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16 as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 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 is still looking into who might take the wood from the lot. Dan suggested that the tree

clearing be put into the bid package. Pam mentioned that the lot is currently very wet from heavy rain, and she is thinking of changing the parking area/entrance due to the water and issues this would cause with maintenance. One idea is to close the lot during the wet season. Pam said she will look into a different configuration for the parking lot and talk to Peter Cook.

- b) Revision to policy on town-owned conservation lands (John) The plan was reviewed and changes suggested. John will rework the plan and send out a revised policy to the group.
 - c) \$6 from book sales from Camden Tillinghast Marika will write a thank you note to Camden.
 - d) NHACC dues **Ken made a motion to appropriate money to pay the NHACC dues. Anne Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** (\$375 approved 11-3-16)
 - e) Signs for big trees on public lands? John has taken the SATWaSR black spruce off the list for a big tree sign because of its remote location.
 - f) June 1: concerts at BES, we should have that meeting elsewhere or different date Pam anticipates the BCC using the American Legion Hall.
 - g) Goals for 2017
 - i) volunteer land stewards
 - ii) conservation education for the public (Ken)
 - iii) communication among town boards (Ken)
 - iv) trails booklet (John)
 - v) update Town Forest management plan (Ken) Ken spoke with Andy Fast and Andy feels it would be nice to get a UNH student to update the plan, and he can arrange this. Ken has given Andy the “go ahead” for this.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Dredge and Fill applications: Gordon, Tax map 218 lot 2, Scruton Pond Rd. – This is a minimum expedited application. The group reviewed the plans and feels that there is information lacking as to what the project is. It also appears that the wetlands have not been delineated by a wetland scientist, and it needs to be signed and stamped by a certified wetland scientist. John will send a note to DES that the BCC feels it’s an incomplete application.
 - b) Planning Board: Dan mentioned that the state has issued a driveway permit for the trail head parking area in the Village Place open space off Route 9. There was discussion about the wells put in on the open space, and a specific question was if there was approval for one or two wells. The group can review this at a future meeting.
 - c) ZBA: Varsity Wireless: cell tower within 75’ of wetland covered above
 - d) Turtle crossing signs: when to put up? John will check with Alison as to best time to put signs up.
 - e) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - f) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - g) Other business that may come before the commission
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) DES: Rochester Wetlands permit withdrawn
 - b) Saving Special Places, April 8
 - c) For Goodwill there can be no parking on Richardson Drive. Dan mentioned that the parking lot might be upgraded to serve as a staging area for work on the dam.
 - d) **Ken Grossman made a motion to appropriate money in the amount approved in the past to pay the dues for SELT. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed.

10) Next scheduled meeting: April 20

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) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
- b) NHACC looking into regional workshop on GRANIT's NH Coastal Viewer
- c) Goals for 2017
 - i) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible (John)
 - ii) establish ties with Lakes Associations
 - iii) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
- d) Annual reports for town owned conservation lands (from March 16)
- e) March 1, 2018: BES unavailable

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20. Ken Grossman 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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