

Conservation Commission
April 20, 2017, 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Rte. 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Marika Wilde
Anne Melvin
Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison

ABSENT: Glenn Gould, Alternate
Doug Bogen, alternate
Ken Grossman

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of April 20, 2017 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings The turtles are out and about, as are the ticks. Birds sighted include nesting hawks (possibly broad winged) and a woodcock. Could it be a Sandhill Crane John heard? At 6:58 pm on April 19 Dan spotted a porcupine on the defensive.
- 2) Guests
Doug Savidge – Nonpublic session **Marika Wilde made a motion to go into nonpublic session (6:50), for reasons outlined in RSA 91- A:3, II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor. Anne Melvin made a motion to come out of nonpublic session (7:35). Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 3) Complaints: Dan brought up the issue of who is responsible for the cost of road upgrades. He feels that is unfair for one party to have the cost of an upgrade when others might in the future profit from the improvement. Dan feels that this policy might discourage people from purchasing property and upgrading roads. Dan stated that if someone makes an investment to bring a road up they should get some of that (investment) back.
- 4) Approval of minutes of April 6 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) 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 At the last PB meeting Pam gave a quick presentation on the plans for the parking area. There was a question from the PB about drainage, and Pam explained it is not a wetland. The PB requested that the CC come back and present at a PB meeting in May. At that meeting Pam will give a location map and add more notes.

- b) Revision to policy on town-owned conservation lands (John) This will be covered at the next meeting.
 - c) \$200 to SELT –**Pam Failing made motion to appropriate a \$200 donation to SELT out of the Conservation Fund. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
 - d) June 1: concerts at BES, we should have that meeting elsewhere or different date Pam anticipates the American Legion Hall being available.
 - e) Turtle crossing signs: are up
 - f) 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)
- 6) New Business:
- a) Planning Board: Pam requested a copy of RSAs and the zoning ordinances to have available for the CC to use at meetings. John will ask Marcia for copies.
 - b) ZBA:
 - c) Reports on Saving Special Places meeting (Anne, John) This will be covered at another meeting.
 - d) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - e) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - f) Other business that may come before the commission
Dan will check to see if there is a driveway permit for Goodwill entrance and the SATWaSR 125 entrance. There was discussion of possibly upgrading the parking lot at Goodwill because it is so muddy. John will talk with Peter Cook about this. SELT would need to be contacted.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) DES:
 - b) Trails Committee work on Calef, Saturday 9AM
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements:
- a) Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed.
 - b) John recused himself.
- Pam Failing made a motion to appropriate \$2400 from the Stewardship Fund portion of the Conservation Fund for John to do easement monitoring. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor. John rejoined the group.**
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: May 4

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

Pam Failing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10. 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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