

Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2017 6:30 PM

**American Legion, 731 Franklin Pierce HWY**

**NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION, FOR SUMMER MEETINGS ONLY**

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

**ABSENT:** Marika Wilde  
Doug Bogen, alternate  
Glenn Gould, alternate  
Ken Grossman

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of July 6, 2017 to order at 6:35.

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

- 1) Sightings The ubiquitous turkeys were reported; also seen were raccoons. Heard were barred owls and coyotes.
- 2) Guests none
- 3) Complaints: A visitor to the Goodwill area issued a complaint about the poor condition of the parking lot and broken glass in the parking area. John did respond to the visitor explaining that the parking would soon be undergoing an upgrade in conjunction with the relocation of the driveway 33 feet to the west (see below). Anne suggested putting up no parking dusk to dawn signs, and John will forward this suggestion to Peter Cook. There was a general discussion about complaints and how conserved land is perceived in town. It was mentioned that complaints or issues with conservation land should be brought to the attention of the CC so that the group can address the issues. John will write a memo for the Selectmen's meeting on Monday addressing the issue of the understanding of land conservation, land maintenance, and stewardship of conserved property.
- 4) Approval of minutes of June 15 This was tabled until next meeting.
- 5) Old Business

- a) Conservation Projects:
  - i) Barr property, 58 acres, Seavey Bridge Rd: easement closed on 6/22
  - ii) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:
    - (1) Parking area – new plan Pam is completing the map and notes. She will schedule a time to present the plans to Marcia for presentation to the PB.
  - iii) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18 – report on site walks John, Marika, and Doug did a site walk It appears that access to this area would be through the Goodwill area.
  - iv) Diberto properties: Tax map 213 lots 6 & 24 46 acres on Long Pond (Sloper Rd access) John is hoping for a visit to this property soon.
- b) Goals for 2017
- 6) New Business:
  - c) Planning Board:
  - d) Town-owned properties added to Stonehouse Forest project? John will check with Duane Hyde about SELT acquiring the parcels owned by the town. **Pam Failing made a motion to recommend to the Selectmen that the town turn over to SELT the town owned parcels abutting and within the Stonehouse Forest. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
  - e) Driveway permits for Goodwill (Rte 9) and SATWaSR (Rte 125): SATWaSR approved, Goodwill needs to be moved 33' further west John will call the Messengers for a rough cost estimate on the driveway relocation and parking lot upgrade.
  - f) Selectmen discussion about the use of conservation lands and ability to be open and accessible This was discussed above under complaints.
  - g) Stormwater Management meeting report (Anne) Anne attended the meeting sponsored by the Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA), UNH stormwater center, and Rockingham Planning Commission. Anne noted that model stormwater standards have been developed, but Barrington has a waiver from the standards because of low population. Pam feels that Barrington should put in place stormwater management practices, such as having retention ponds instead of detention ponds. SWA has come up with language for zoning ordinances to reflect the standards, and John wondered if the town might want to change the zoning to reflect the new language. Anne and Pam will work together to suggest to the PB a change to zoning to reflect the new language.
  - h) Treasurer's report (Pam)
  - i) Legislative updates (Ken)
  - j) Summer meeting schedule It was agreed to skip the July 20 meeting and have the next meeting be August 3.
  - k) Other business that may come before the commission John noted that there is about \$2400 in the SATWaSR stewardship fund. **Pam Failing made a motion to reimburse Charlie Tatham \$115.13 from the SATWaSR stewardship fund**

**for materials used to make posts and signs at SATWaSR. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**

Phil Treadwell of Tibbets Road requested permission for a hunting stand on SATWaSR. John and Dan signed the permit, and John is returning it to Mr. Treadwell.

7)Announcements/correspondence:

8)Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...

9)Easements:

l) Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed –cleanup tomorrow, 5PM

10)Next scheduled meeting: August 3 (Pam will chair)

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

m) Conservation Projects:

i) Stonehouse Forest

ii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW

iii) Hussey properties, tax map 210 lots 44 & 57

n) 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)

vi) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible (John)

vii) establish ties with Lakes Associations

viii) town representative to Lamprey River LAC

o) March 1, 2018: BES unavailable

**Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Lenzi

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