

Conservation Commission
August 3, 2017 6:30 PM
American Legion, 731 Franklin Pierce HWY
NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION, FOR SUMMER MEETINGS ONLY

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

ABSENT: John Wallace, Chair
Doug Bogen, alternate
Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman
Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Vice-chair Pam Failing called the meeting of August 3, 2017 to order at 6:35.

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

- 1) Sightings Marika reported that the phoebes second nesting attempt was unsuccessful. Sightings of deer and an osprey were reported.
- 2) Guests: Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce Eng, for Wetland Permit for Rochester waterline and Mike Bezanson, Rochester City Engineer
Mr. Berg and Mr. Bezanson reviewed the work that has been completed at the Rochester waterline. The original pipe was replaced because there were multiple leaks along the line. As a result of this work there is now a section of pipe that is floating above ground, and the proposal is to anchor this section by putting sandbags over the pipe. It was mentioned that they will be working with Marc Jacobs for any necessary restoration work in the area. The city of Rochester will be submitting a major wetland impact application for DES. The group reviewed the plans and decided there were no recommendations or concerns. Final application copies will be signed by Pam. Following this discussion Pam asked about the flow of water in Berry River, and she expressed concern with the amount of withdrawal the city is doing and how this could impact the river downstream. Mr. Berg explained that there could be increased withdrawal in the spring when the flow is higher in order for the city to store more water. Flow gauges have been installed upstream and

downstream from the dam/inflow pipe, and Anne and Pam expressed interest in having data from these flow gauges. Mr. Berg will be sending this data.

- 3) Complaints: DES is following up on a violation of a beach being put in on Cottage Lane (Swain's Lake).
- 4) Approval of minutes of June 15, July 6 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
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- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve:
 - (1) Parking area – new plan
 - ii) Diberto properties: Tax map 213 lots 6 & 24 46 acres on Long Pond (Sloper Rd access)
 - iii) Barr property update This has been completed.
 - b) Town-owned properties added to Stonehouse Forest project The Selectmen did not support adding the town-owned properties to Stonehouse Forest.
 - c) Goals for 2017
- 6) New Business:
 - d) Planning Board:
 - e) Driveway permits for Goodwill (Rte 9) and SATWaSR (Rte 125): SATWaSR approved, Goodwill needs to be moved 33' further west
 - f) Selectmen discussion about the use of conservation lands and ability to be open and accessible It was mentioned that it will be good to have continued and frequent communication with the Selectmen.
 - g) Stormwater Management meeting report (Anne) Anne shared at the July 6 meeting.
 - h) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - i) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - j) Other business that may come before the commission
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements:
 - k) Trash problem on SATWaSR needs to be addressed –cleanup tomorrow, 5PM...done? Trash pick up was completed by a dedicated group of volunteers.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: August 17

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

- l) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Stonehouse Forest

- ii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
- iii) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18
- iv) Hussey properties, tax map 210 lots 44 & 57
- m) 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
- n) March 1, 2018: BES unavailable

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Marika Wilde 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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