

Barrington Conservation Commission
February 1, 2018 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

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

ABSENT: Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of February 1, 2018 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings were made of a sharp shinned hawk, carolina wren, raccoons, turkeys, and an otter and otter tracks.
- 2) Guests: Steve Diamond – Planning Board Steve covered various zoning articles with the CC. Following discussion, the consensus was that the CC, as a group, would not take a position to support or not support any one article. It was mentioned that the CC would like to have a function and value template for wetland buffers, and hopefully the CC and PB can move forward with this in the near future.
- 3) Complaints:
- 4) Approval of minutes of Jan. 18 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2017. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).**
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Forestry committee for Town Forest: recommend names to the Board of Selectmen (suggested: Anne Melvin, David Kay, Brian Lenzi, A.J. DuPere, Dan Ayer, Charlie Tatham) John will write a memo to the Selectmen in support of these candidates.
 - b) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Parking area – new RFP Pam is finalizing the RFP.
 - ii) Haley property The owners have applied for a Wetland Reserve Easement with plans to conserve the land. Once conserved, the Haleys would generously like to donate the property, free of charge, to the town, to add it to the already conserved Goodwill Conservation Area. John will write a memo to the BOS recommending this transfer and suggesting that this be discussed at the Feb. 12th meeting.
Marika Wilde made a motion requesting that the selectmen accept town ownership of the Haley property pending its conservation. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Planning Board: discuss proposed warrant articles

- b) Other warrant articles to be presented
- c) Operation Land Share Signs for conservation lands John has suggested that the Trails Committee decide where signs go. These are provided free of charge by Fish and Game.
- d) Meet with BOS on 2/12 to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement from 1999
- e) Beardon property, Young Rd. (Doug) Doug will contact Duane Hyde (SELT) about possible conservation of this property.
- f) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- g) Goals for 2018: 2017 Goals were:
 - (1) volunteer land stewards
 - (2) conservation education for the public
 - (3) monitoring/reporting of conservation lands
 - (4) trails booklet
 - (5) communication among town boards
 - (6) establish ties with Lakes Associations
 - (7) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
 - (8) town representative to Lamprey River LAC

Add: improve CC PR, wetland buffer ordinance
Meeting to go over goals can be at a special meeting.
- h) Legislative updates (Ken)
- i) Other business that may come before the commission
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) Deliberative session on Saturday
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Dolmat monitored?
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: February 15

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
 - ii) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18
 - iii) Wilson property on Mendums Pond: GBRPP grant funded, approved by selectmen; waiting to do appraisal
 - iv) Rubenstein Estate property, 37 acres off of Richardson Dr.
- b) Goodwill (Rte 9) Driveway needs to be moved 33' further west
- c) forest management of SATWaSR
- d) March 1, 2018: BES unavailable

Marika Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50. Anne Melvin 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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