

**Barrington Conservation Commission  
September 5, 2019, 6:30 PM  
Barrington Elementary School  
570 Calef Highway  
Barrington, NH 03825**

**PRESENT**

Ken Grossman, Chairman  
John Wallace, alternate  
Anne Melvin  
Charlie Briggs  
Marika Wilde, alternate  
Doug Bogen  
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

**ABSENT**

Pam Failing, Vice-chair  
Glenn Gould, alternate

**NOTE: THESE ARE SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES ONLY. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE MEETING AUDIO IS AVAILABLE AT THE LAND USE DEPARTMENT.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chairman Ken Grossman called the meeting of September 5, 2019 to order at 6:34.

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** Chair Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above, with John serving as a voting member.

**Guests:** Karen Gould-Land on Mendums Pond with Violet and Pasquale Pagliuca  
Brendan Quigley, Wetland Scientist/GIS Specialist-The Ridge at Greenhill Subdivision  
Duane Hyde-Belleville CE Con Comm Funding  
Stephen Jeffery to observe

**Sightings:** There were sightings of coy dogs, a raccoon, deer, toads, horn of plenty fungi, an abundance of monarch caterpillars and butterflies, a bat (not in the belfry), garter snakes, and yellow jackets.

**Approval of minutes** for August 1, 2019 **John Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2019, as amended. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

**Treasurer's Report** (only available balance for Conservation Commission use)  
Anne reported that \$25,939.32 was taken out of Conservation Fund and transferred to the General Fund. (Minutes of June 6, 2019) Currently the Conservation Fund is at \$322,596.73.

**Old Business** – Richardson Bridge, Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project

**New Business:**

- **The Ridge at Greenhill Subdivision** Brendan Quigley stated that the subdivision has been recently approved by the PB, but a state wetland permit is needed for an impact of 2500 sf. Two vernal pools are not being directly impacted; however, the Army Corp of Engineers has jurisdiction of upland areas next to vernal pools and require compensatory mitigation for any disturbance. The project's 117 acres of open space could be part of the mitigation, but would involve particular requirements (specifically monitoring) for the easement. Brendan asked if the town would be willing to hold the easement on the open space with ownership being a homeowners' association. John feels that it would be prudent to do a site walk before taking on the easement and reminded the group that it is usual to accept a stewardship donation if an easement is taken. Charlie suggested checking to see where the parcel ranks on the co-occurrence map, and this can be done at the group's next discussion. John will set up a date for a site walk.
- **Duane Hyde: re: Belleville on Green Hill Road.** The Belvelles are willing to donate a conservation easement on 56 acres. Duane stated that the parcel has pockets of vernal pools and lots of wetlands. There was discussion of the CC donating toward the stewardship costs, and a comment was made that this is what the Conservation Fund should be used for. John pointed out that the town would have no legal interest in this property as the money is not going toward the purchase of the property. **John Wallace made a motion to approve \$20,320 from the Conservation Fund to go toward the Belleville stewardship costs. Anne Melvin**

**seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

- **SELT Goodwill Conservation Easement.** SELT put out a bid for surveying of the Goodwill Conservation Easement and received a proposal from Eric Mitchell Surveying. The proposal came in at total cost of \$17,000 for Goodwill. Included in the proposal was a bid for surveying of the Panish parcel, and this came in at \$5,750. **John Wallace made a motion to authorize SELT to accept the bid from Eric Mitchell Surveying for the Goodwill and Panish parcels. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- **Karen Gould (land on Mendums Pond)** Karen presented the background of the land off Holiday Lakeshore Road. There is an issue of property lines needing to be surveyed due to inaccuracies in the original layout and surveying of the parcels in the 1960s. Karen highlighted the conservation value of the land, specifically related to water conservation/drinking water protection. She stated that Holiday Lake Shore Road is private and owned by abutting landowners, and none of the owners associated with Lake Shore Road wish to allow public access. Ms. Gould feels that she could possibly be in contention for grant money next year from the Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Fund. There was discussion of the CC contributing funding toward surveying costs. The group consensus was that a conservation outcome would need to be guaranteed before any further discussion could take place. John Wallace offered to assist in writing a grant for drinking water protection.
- The CC received a request for a hunting tree stand on Tamposi and a tree stand along Route 9 on SELT owned property. It was unclear where the specific location on Route 9 is. It was decided to approve the permit for Tamposi, but request more information from the applicant on the Route 9 location before approval. Ken will respond to the applicants with this decision.

## **PB**

- The group reviewed a preliminary conceptual review for **Salon and Spa**, which wants to move its business on Route 9. The existing driveway had previously impacted a wetland. The CC noted that if the driveway is improved the wetland impact will need to be assessed. Ken will send a note to the PB stating the above.

- The CC discussed the minor site plan review for **Wildlife Encounters**. The proposal is for a year round agro tourism site of approximately 77 acres with 32 parking spaces. The site would have scheduled visits and could include an ecology center with farm tours and agricultural classes. Questions were how many animals are planned for and what is the management plan for animal waste. Ken will send a note to the PB stating the above.

**ZBA:**

**DES:**

### **Select Board representative comments and concerns**

#### **Committee Reports**

Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance, Lands Committee, Trails Committee,

Islinglass River Local Advisory Committee (IRLAC, Oyster River Local Advisory Committee (ORLAC),

Lamprey River LAC

#### **Ongoing projects for 2019** (reports by designated committee member for each item)

Trails Booklet, Meeting with Lakes Association, Natural Resource Inventory accessibility,

Easements (Dolmat)

**Other projects** – parking area for Barrington Trail (Seavey Bridge Rd), forest management for SATWaSR, Conservation projects at Beardon property, Young Rd (Doug), Newsky property (map 266 lot 6, 30 acres, abuts SATWASR to SW

**Easements:** The Rowell family has proposed a possible conservation easement on approximately 14 acres. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi