

Barrington Conservation Commission
March 15, 2018 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

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

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
 Anne Melvin
 Doug Bogen, alternate
 Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison

ABSENT: Pam Failing, Vice-chair
 Marika Wilde
 Glenn Gould, alternate
 Ken Grossman

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of March 15, 2018 to order at 6:40.

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

- 1) Sightings Marika, via email, shared a detailed observation of turkeys.
- 2) Guests: Ray Bisson for Kresge, Hemlock Lane
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of March 1 Tabled until next meeting
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Parking area – new RFP Pam anticipates sending out the information soon.
 - b) Forest management of Town Forest and other lands There was discussion about the newly formed and named Town Lands Committee. John will clarify with John Scruton the function and oversight of this group.
 - c) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Schulz, tax map 224 lot 18, 45 acres, Brewster Rd. John met with Duane Hyde and Jim Schulz and they are optimistic about the possibilities of conservation.
 - ii) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18: NRCS did a preliminary evaluation and determined that this property qualifies for funding through the Wetlands Reserve Easement program. The final determination for conservation depends on funding.
 - iii) Beardon property, Young Rd. (Doug) There is no new report on this property.
 - iv) Rubenstein property. Duane Hyde (SELT) emailed that a preliminary look at this property shows fair to good conservation value. John will contact the owner regarding moving forward for conservation.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Planning Board:
 - i) Form Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance Ken has indicated that he is willing to participate and Doug has also volunteered.
 - b) ZBA: Kresge, Hemlock Ln – new letter to ZBA based on revised plan? Ray Bisson reviewed the plans for a garage addition and landscape work, and he addressed the concerns previously raised by the CC (March 1 meeting). Ray explained the grading and relocation of a retaining wall and noted that a rain garden will be installed to address the runoff. **Anne Melvin made a motion for John to write a**

memo to the ZBA in support of the plans as presented. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor. John will write the memo.

- c) Subdivision plans
 - i) Browns 2 lot subdivision on Route 9. The CC reviewed plans and had no comment.
 - ii) 3 lot subdivision off Orchard Hill Road. After review the CC had no comment.
- d) Schedule All Boards meeting, early May
- e) Fat tire bike with battery assist: OK on town lands? The CC feels that this is allowed.
- f) DES:
 - i) PBN for retaining wall on Swains Lake, Birch Lane, Nancy Buell & Richard Stacey The CC reviewed the plans for replacing a retaining wall and felt it could support the permits. **Anne Melvin made a motion to have John sign the PBN copies. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.** John signed the copies.
 - ii) ARM grant round, due April 31
- g) Treasurer's report (Pam) John reported the Conservation Fund has close to \$160,000.
- h) Goals for 2018:
 - i) PR, education for the public: use of conservation fund money for PR consultant?
 - ii) trails booklet
 - iii) communication among town boards
 - iv) establish ties with Lakes Associations
 - v) update Natural Resources Inventory, co-occurrence map
 - vi) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
 - vii) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
 - viii) Wetland buffer ordinance
- i) Legislative updates (Ken)
- j) Other business that may come before the commission
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
 - a) Saving Special Places conference April 7
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Dolmat monitored?
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: April 5.

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

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

Doug Bogen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi