

MEETING MINUTES

**Barrington Conservation Commission Agenda
April 18, 2019, 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125**

PRESENT

Valerie Allen, Chairperson
Pam Failing, Vice-chair
John Wallace, alternate
Anne Melvin
Charlie Briggs
Marika Wilde, alternate
Doug Bogen
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman, 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) Chair Valerie Allen called the meeting of April 18, 2019, to order at 6:36.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Chair Valerie Allen confirmed the presence of members as above.

- 1) Sightings Sightings focused on birds, and mentioned were cardinals, a white throated sparrow, ducks, red-winged blackbirds, a yellow bellied sapsucker, and phoebes. Spring has arrived with the sounds of spring peepers and wood frogs.
- 2) **Guests:** none
- 3) **Complaints:** none
- 4) Approval of minutes of April 4, 2019 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2019. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 5) **Old Business**
 - a) Goodwill Driveway/Parking area John expects that Dubois and King will put out the bid in early May.
 - b) **Conservation Projects:**

- i) Update on Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project: Letter of Understanding with SELT
- c) Conservation Commission Pam offered to remain vice-chair and Anne accepted the position of treasurer. **Charlie Briggs made a motion to have Anne Melvin take on the duties of treasurer. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Charlie Briggs made a motion to have Pam Failing remain as vice-chair. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

6) New Business:

Wetlands Permit for Eversource-Document to be signed (2) The members concurred that there were no concerns with the plans, but it was pointed out that following completion of the work access points sometimes become more accessible to vehicles. Valerie will write a letter to DES expressing the BCC concern with potential increased access. The permits will not be signed at this time.

a) PB:

[126-61-GR-19-Sub \(3\) \(Owners: Dylan Bisson & Kathryn McCabe\)](#)

The group reviewed the plans. There were no concerns with the plans, however Pam expressed the importance of having the edge of the wetland buffer delineated in the field so that the areas are noted and protected during site development. This request for field delineation was added to the application notes.

[225-71-GR-19-SR \(Owner: Barrington Youth Association\)](#) The CC had no comment with the plans as presented.

[201-13-GR-19-Sub \(2\) \(Owners: Nicholas & Lindsay Lanzer\)](#) After review, the CC expressed the same concerns as mentioned above regarding wetland buffer delineation in the field. The request for field delineation was added to the application notes.

DES:

- b) **Treasurer's report** (Pam): Conservation fund as of 10/18, \$142,594.23; may owe as much as \$157,429.14; ~\$86K coming from 2018 LUCT, As of the end of January, the Conservation Fund had \$291,320.84
- c) Goals for 2019:
 - i) trails booklet
 - ii) meet with Lakes Associations
 - iii) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
 - iv) town representative to Lamprey River LAC John has been nominated by the town to be the representative to Lamprey River LAC.
 - v) Wetland buffer ordinance
- d) Other business that may come before the commission

- i) Pam will look into using the American Legion Hall for July and August BCC meetings.
- ii) Valerie shared that John Scruton and Conner MacIver inquired about an update for the Richardson Pond dam assessment. Pam reported that the minor maintenance has been done, and she will look into what else is required to complete the dam report. Dan made a suggestion to have some trees cut in conjunction with the parking lot work. John S. and Conner suggested that the BCC and Rec. Dept. combine activities when feasible.
- iii) The BCC chair will be asked to sign a memorandum of agreement with the Selectboard at a May 20th meeting. It appears that there are no changes from the previous agreement.

7) Announcements/correspondence

- a) Saving Special Places conference, April 6 John presented brief summaries on the three workshops he attended. The first was herbicides vs. invasives. Pam was excited to learn that Japanese Barberry can be controlled by fire. The second workshop covered measuring the impact of your work, and a suggestion was to get feedback from trail users. This idea will be passed on to the Trails Committee. The last workshop focused on increasing trail use and mentioned creating a trail “treasure hunt” geared to children. This could be advertised through the schools and coordinated with the Recreation Department. Charlie shared workshops on mapping. One on online mapping highlighted an aquatic restoration mapper, and another showed a different process for achieving an NRI and co occurrence map. Another workshop covered easement case law, and highlighted the need to do a thorough study in all areas before an easement is put in place. It was mentioned that it can be very expensive if an easement “goes bad”.

8) Other committees:

- a) Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance
- b) Lands Committee, Trails Committee, IRLAC - Anne shared from a conference (Local River Management Advisory Workshop) where ARM funding was reviewed, ORLAC,...

9) Easements:

- a) Dolmat?

10) **Next scheduled meeting:** May 2, 2019

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

- a) Parking area for Barrington Trail (Seavey Bridge Rd.)
- b) Forest management for SATWaSR
- c) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Beardon property, Young Rd. (Doug)
 - ii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi