

Barrington Conservation Commission
January 18, 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 January 18, 2018 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings Mentioned were roosting turkeys, a bird of prey, deer, flocks of bluebirds, and winter birds at feeders.
- 2) Guests: Tom and Marie Daniels to speak about the Mendums Pond drawdown. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels explained that they have concerns that the high drawdown level on the pond could have negative impacts on both the concrete dam and the ecosystem of the pond. By petition they are requesting that DES research the issue and have a public hearing. **Marika Wilde made a motion to have a letter from the BCC sent to DES in support of research on and explanation of the drawdown level on Mendums. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** John will write a letter to DES.
- 3) Complaints: no complaints
- 4) Approval of minutes of Dec 7 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2017 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).**
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Parking area – RFP, and pay for ad in Fosters It came to the attention of the CC that the project was put out to bid before the plans for a contractor had been finalized and prepared for bid. Pam will redo the specifications for the bid and John will contact those involved in the bidding process to explain the schedule for rebidding.
 - ii) Wilson property on Mendums Pond: GBRPP grant funded, approved by selectmen; waiting to do appraisal
 - iii) Stonehouse Forest – Closed!
 - b) Goodwill (Rte 9) Driveway needs to be moved 33’ further west John met with Jeff Adler (Dubois and King) regarding moving the driveway and improving the parking area. Mr. Adler indicated that he would donate his engineering services. John is optimistic that the initial

estimate can come down. Pam has met with DES and will be moving forward with the hydraulic study.

6) New Business:

- a) Planning Board: VT Stone Sculpting, Route 125 (Joe Falzone) – abuts Chestnut Forest Pam mentioned the need for delineation of the wetland buffer in the field and placement of erosion control measures prior to ground disturbance. **Marika Wilde made a motion that John write a memo to the PB requesting measures be put in place to ensure that the buffer area and the wetlands are not disturbed during construction, that erosion controls be installed no closer to the wetland than where the buffer line is, and that the buffer line be marked in the field. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** John will write a memo to the PB.
- b) Beardon property, Young Rd. (Doug) Doug will contact Duane Hyde (SELT) to discuss the possibility of conservation.
- c) Forestry committee for Town Forest: recommend 3-5 names to the Board of Selectmen John and Dan will provide a list of names.
- d) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- e) 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
- f) Legislative updates (Ken)
- g) Other business that may come before the commission Dan mentioned a land locked parcel within the Stonehouse Forest that the owner would like to sell/donate. John suggested that Dan let the owner know he can contact SELT.

7) Announcements/correspondence:

8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...

9) Easements: Dolmat monitored? Pam will be in touch with Mr. Dolmat.

10) Next scheduled meeting: February 1

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) Rubenstein Estate property, 37 acres off of Richardson Dr.
- b) forest management of SATWaSR
- c) March 1, 2018: BES unavailable

Marika Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi