

Barrington Conservation Commission

April 19, 2018 6:30 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

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

ABSENT: Anne Melvin
Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman, alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of April 19, 2018 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings The many birds sighted include bluebirds, hermit thrushes, yellow-bellied sapsuckers, osprey, blue herons, a red-tailed hawk, and a sharp shinned hawk. The peepers are out, and a groundhog has made his/her presence known.
- 2) Guests: welcome guest, Charlie Tatham
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of April 5 **Marika Wilde made a motion to accept the minutes of April 5 as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Parking area – new RFP RFP has gone out. Applications are due on May 1, will be reviewed by the commission on May 3.
 - b) Forest management of Town Forest and other lands – update? Dan reported that the Town Lands Committee met to set up the Board and meeting times. The next meeting is scheduled for the 25th of April at the Fire Station.
 - c) Conservation Projects:
 - d) It was noted that the surveyors from Dubois and King have started their work for the Goodwill Parking Area.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Planning Board:
 - i) Proposed Farmers Market at Dante's, Route 125 The CC looked at the proposed parking area and would like to see clarification on any possible expansion of impervious surface and notation of wetlands if existing. John will pass these questions on to the PB.
 - ii) Lot line adjustment on Old Settlers Road (Williams) There is no comment from the CC.
 - iii) Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance
 - b) Eversource work on tree removal on Scenic Roads – A public hearing is scheduled to be held at the CC May 17th meeting.
 - c) ZBA:
 - d) DES:

- e) SELT request w/r/t Stonehouse Forest: SELT has requested that Marsh Rd. become a Class A Trail with gates at both ends to restrict motorized vehicle access, parking on town land at 202 end. **Marika Wilde made a motion that the BCC support SELT's proposal that the town allow SELT to construct a parking lot on the town owned parcel of land (tax map 243, lot 2) for public access to Stonehouse Forest. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Pam Failing made a motion to support changing Marsh Road from a class 6 road to a Class A trail. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor. This will go to a vote by the town. John will write memos to the Selectboard in support of the parking area and the change of Marsh Road to a class A trail.

- f) Rec Dept would like to co-sponsor a trail race in the fall. The CC is in favor of this and John will let Tara Barker know.
- g) Report from Saving Special Places (John) The idea of "ambassador landscapes" was shared at the Saving Special Places workshop. This includes providing land that gives a more park like experience for folks who might be more inclined to get outdoors in a less "wild" environment. There was discussion about whether this type of environment could be created in town to entice people outside. The CC is wondering if this concept might be explored by the Town Lands Committee, and Dan will mention it to the TLC group. Another topic covered at Saving Special Places was how to lay out trails to lessen the impact to wildlife, and there is a computer tool to assist with this. The website Wildnh.com/trails offers suggestions for trail planning.
- h) Treasurer's report (Pam) Pam reported the Conservation Fund account is about \$155,000.
- i) 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
- j) Legislative updates (Ken)
- k) Other business that may come before the commission John attended a meeting about the dedicated drinking water and groundwater trust fund. The funding comes from the state's MtBE litigation case with Exxon. A portion of this amount (5 million) for this year will go to conservation of water supply lands.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence: There will be an all boards meeting, April 30. Doug announced that he is now officially a full member.
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Dolmat monitored?
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: May 3.

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

- a) Goodwill (Rte 9) Driveway needs to be moved 33' further west
- b) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Schulz, tax map 224 lot 18, 45 acres, Brewster Rd.
 - ii) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18:
 - iii) Beardon property, Young Rd. (Doug)
 - iv) Rubenstein Estate property, tax map 240 lot 6, 37 acres off of Richardson Dr.
 - v) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW

- vi) Wilson property on Mendums Pond: GBRPP grant funded, approved by selectmen; waiting to do appraisal
- c) forest management of SATWaSR

Pam Failing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi

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