

**Barrington Conservation Commission**  
May 17, 2018 6:30 PM  
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

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

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of May 17, 2018 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings: Mentioned were snakes, turtles, a fisher, a blackburnian warbler, an oriole, and an otter.
- 2) Guests: Eve Faulkner, Sam Faulkner, James Conley
- 3) a) Bob Berner from Eversource was present for the public hearing for tree cutting on scenic roads (Canaan Back Road, Cooper Hill Road, and Old Settlers Road). **Marika Wilde made a motion to open a public meeting. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.** Mr. Berner explained that there would be removal of brush underneath conductors, tree trimming and removal of some trees. It is anticipated that the work would start in September or October. There were no comments from the public. **Anne Melvin made a motion to give approval to Eversource for the cutting and trimming of trees on town scenic roads, Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor. Marika Wilde made a motion to end the public hearing. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**  
b) Barry Geir, Jones and Beach, representing Hard Rock Excavation Mr. Geir presented for the applicant Hard Rock. The town has plans for a future industrial park on this site. It is anticipated that the project would directly impact approximately 53.7 acres of the 152 acre lot. The work would involve lowering and leveling out the site with 1412 sf of wetland impact and 7 areas of buffer impact (total .26,972 sf). Hard Rock would move the gravel and rock off the site and in the process construct the road base to town standards. The excavation work would be done in phases. The CC had questions about the impact to the front wetland, which is a vernal pool, and Doug wondered if the work would cause drainage of the vernal pool. Mr. Geir mentioned that there is a 50 foot buffer to the vernal pool. James Conley had a question about silt getting to the Bellamy River and questioned the overall impact of excavation on the wetlands. Mr. Geir responded that

there would be erosion control measures in place, a stormwater plan, and local and state oversight. There was further discussion about excavation changing the drainage and affecting the watersheds, especially SATWaSR which abuts the property. John will write a memo to the PB raising the concerns of the impact on the vernal pool and the possible impact on the Bellamy and Oyster Rivers. The CC will review the expedited wetland permit at a future meeting.

- 4) Complaints: none
- 5) Approval of minutes of May 2 **Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of May 2. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 6) Old Business
  - a) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Parking area
  - b) Forest management of Town Forest and other lands The Town Lands Committee would like to take a look at Goodwill for possible timber harvest. John mentioned that a forest management plan has to be in place before any logging could take place and the easement holder would have to be notified.
  - c) Conservation Projects:
    - i) Haley/Panish/Rubenstein: applying for [New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Money](#). Dan mentioned that there is a town owned lot abutting the Rubenstein property.
    - ii) Gould: request from SELT for town to lead project This would primarily involve writing grants.
  - d) Goodwill (Rte 9) Driveway needs to be moved 33' further west John will write a note to Jeff Adler inquiring where the project stands at this time.
- 7) New Business:
  - a) Planning Board:
    - i) Two-lot Subdivision, James Haley Hall Rd. John will indicate to the PB stating that the CC has no concerns/comment.
    - ii) Hard Rock Excavation: excavation and development of town's "EcoPark" property This was covered above.
    - iii) Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance Doug shared what had happened at last meeting. The approach being considered is to assign the buffer based on the type of wetland. The wetland scientist consultant will come up with a proposal of what this might look like, and the group will also look at what other states have in place.
  - b) ZBA:
  - c) DES:
  - d) Treasurer's report (Pam)
  - e) Goals for 2018:
    - i) PR, education for the public: use of conservation fund money for PR consultant?
    - ii) trails booklet
    - iii) establish ties with Lakes Associations
    - iv) update Natural Resources Inventory, co-occurrence map
    - v) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
    - vi) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
    - vii) Wetland buffer ordinance
  - f) Legislative updates (Ken)
  - g) Other business that may come before the commission
- 8) Announcements/correspondence:
  - a) Saving Special Places conference April 7
- 9) Other committees: Trails Committee, Lands Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 10) Easements: Dolmat monitored?

11) Next scheduled meeting: June 7

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

- a) 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
- b) forest management of SATWaSR

**Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi