

Barrington Conservation Commission
February 7, 2019, 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
Charlie Briggs
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison
Marika Wilde, alternate

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

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of February 7, 2019, to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings: Deer, a bald eagle, and scat of an unknown animal were reported.
- 2) Guests:
 - a) Chris Berry, minimum impact wetlands permit (Sterling Realty, Tax Map 270 Lot 81) and Meetinghouse Rd subdivision 9.6
Site review for Sterling Realty, Concord Tpk. Chris Berry explained that the proposal is for building a garage structure to house lawn maintenance vehicles and items. This would be in the aquifer protection zone and needs a stormwater management plan. The plan would mitigate stormwater for the new garage with infiltration while also dealing with stormwater drainage for the entire site. The wetlands for the Oyster River and Caldwell Brook have been flagged. Chris stated there would be a temporary impact to the buffer (350 sf) for construction, and that the area would be reseeded and repopulated after work. During construction silt socks and mulch berm would be used. The project is sized for a 25 year storm event. Due to the proximity to the Oyster River, John suggested that the Oyster River Local Advisory Committee be contacted, and Chris indicated that he would follow through with this. While the CC concurred that it had no major concerns with the 9.6 application, there were questions about the design being for a 25 year flood, and the CC recommends that there be a design for heavier storm events. John will write a memo to the PB with this concern.

Meeting House Road 9.6 There are buffer and wetland impacts (wetland impact less than 3,000sf) with the project. Some of the wetlands are basically part of Meetinghouse Road, and the expectation is that they would score low on functions and value. Chris mentioned that stormwater is driving the buffer impacts, and it is necessary to encroach into the buffer in order to do rain gardens. To prevent nitrogen from going into Mallego Brook it has been necessary to design a hybrid rain garden system which can remove nitrogen as well as other pollutants, and Chris gave a detailed explanation of how the rain gardens/drainage system would work. The

buffer would be replanted so that it can be easily maintained by the highway department. John asked that the functions and values of all the wetlands be shown on future plans. Chris requested the CC chair sign for a minimum wetland impact.

John Wallace made a motion to authorize the CC chair to sign the wetlands applications assuming that they are finalized as represented at the meeting with minimal functions and values and less than 3,000 sf. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

- b) Derek Small, interested in Con Com
- c) Eric Gustafson (Great Bay Community College) to observe meeting
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of Dec. 20, Jan 17 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor. Charlie Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17 as amended. John Wallace seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Possible forest management plan on SATWaSR, with funding from the NRCS EQIP program
 - b) Goodwill Driveway/Parking area
 - c) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Funding for Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project: approve money (up to \$40,000) from conservation fund. \$190K from DWGWTF approved, \$10K from Portsmouth approved, \$20K from Moose Plate approved, \$10K Fields Pond Foundation approved; \$10K from Bafflin Foundation approved
 - ii) Marsh Road Article 20. **Anne Melvin made a motion to have it noted in all publicity that the Conservation Commission supports Article 20. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Conservation Commission officers A new CC chairman will need to be appointed before or in March.
 - b) PB: Design review, subdivision on Substitute Rd. (Falzone) The CC reviewed the design and questions were raised about the wildlife impacts and the value of the natural resources in the open space. Also, there were questions about open space access for the residents in the interior lots and how the open space would be conserved. John added these questions to the routing slip. At the next step in the permitting process the CC would like to see the functions and values of the wetlands.
 - c) ZBA:
 - d) DES:
 - e) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - f) Goals for 2018:
 - i) trails booklet
 - ii) establish ties with Lakes Associations Dan suggested making this an annual event.
 - iii) update Natural Resources Inventory, co-occurrence map
 - iv) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
 - v) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
 - vi) Wetland buffer ordinance
 - g) Goals for 2019?
 - h) Legislative updates - NHACC This will be revisited at next meeting.
 - i) Other business that may come before the commission

- 7) Announcements/correspondence
- 8) Other committees:
 - a) Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance
 - b) Lands Committee, Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements:
 - a) Dolmat?
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: Feb 21

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

- a) Parking area for Barrington Trail (Seavey Bridge Rd.)
- b) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Beardon property, Young Rd. (Doug)
 - ii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
 - iii) Schulz property (tax map 224 lot 18, 45 acres, Brewster Rd): SELT will manage

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi