

MEETING MINUTES

Barrington Conservation Commission Agenda

May 16, 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

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman, alternate
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Valerie Allen called the meeting of May 16, 2019, to order at 6:33.

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

Approval of minutes for May 2, 2019 and April 18, 2019 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2019 as amended. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Charlie Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of May 2, 2019 as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Guests: Bruce D. Scamman, (Emanuel Engineering), Luke Hurley (Gove Environmental) soil scientist, and Elliot Wilkins, all representing Turbocam. Mr. Scamman explained that Turbocam would like to construct a building as a training facility on a parcel off Rte. 9 and adjacent to the present Turbocan facility. The wetland buffer impact would be approximately 10,000 sf., and the building design tries to minimize the impact by using porous pavement and high retaining walls. Mr. Scammon stated that they will be going through the alteration of terrain process with DES even though not required to do so. Mr. Hurley reviewed the functions and values of the wetlands, and he stated that while the wetlands have medium to high value because of location, they is not unique to the area. The plan allows for the porous pavement system to treat the runoff with a sand filter before it gets infiltrated into the wetland. The Natural Heritage Report has not yet been done.

Pam brought up concerns with the impact to the wetland buffer area and noted how large a proportion of the buffer is impacted. There was discussion about ways to minimize the impact to the buffer without impacting the wetlands, and possibilities mentioned were to move some of the parking spaces and narrow the roadway that goes around the building.

There was CC consensus that Val write a memo to the PB (cc Mr. Scammon and Mr. Hurley) outlining concerns about the wetland buffer impact and possible solutions.

Treasurer's Report (Anne) (only available balance for Conservation Commission use) This will be covered at a future meeting.

Old Business – Richardson Bridge, Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project John has been in contact with Paul Panish to settle the language on an understanding with the town for the Panish easement.

New Business:

PB: 223-26&24-RC-19-Sub (Owners: Paul Helgott, Rina Myhre & Carol Ledoux) This is a conservation subdivision, and John wondered what the dispensation of the open space will be. The CC did not have current printed subdivision plans to look at and thus felt that it would be unable to make a review. Anne Melvin made a motion that Val write a note that the CC has not had time to review the current plans and the Natural Resources Report. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a five (5) to zero (0) vote.

233-30.1A-NR-19-9.6 Waiver (Owner: Frank Catapano, Bar Homes, Inc.) Thatcher Way in This plan shows a wetland buffer impact of 200 sf. Charlie Briggs made motion that Val write a note that the project deals with an already very disturbed wetland and it's outside the buffer zone to any undisturbed wetland, so the CC has no objection to this waiver. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

257-27-GR-19-ParkingArea (Owners: Selt & Stonehouse Forest) Off Merryhill Road. The CC reviewed the plans. Anne Melvin made motion that the CC has no objections to the parking area. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

242-7-GR-19-ParkingArea (Owners: Selt & Stonehouse Forest) near Hearthside Drive off route 9 After review of the plans Anne Melvin made a motion to support the parking area as described. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

ZBA:

DES:

Other New Business

- A Barrington resident sent an email to the police department with an offer to remove graffiti from a wall near the police station. The police chief contacted John to suggest this could also be an opportunity to have graffiti on the Goodwill property removed, and John responded positively to this.
- Pam will check with the Legion for CC use of the Legion Hall for the dates of July 11th, Aug. 1st and Aug. 15th
- There was discussion about ways to block vehicle access to SATWaSR and other easement areas. One idea was to purchase game cameras for surveillance, and Charlie offered to look into the cost of game cameras.
- Ann shared that Village Place trail has a tree dumped in the trail as well as some building material. John suggested that Anne contact the homeowners association to make them aware of this issue.

Select Board representative comments and concerns Dan was not present.

Committee Reports

Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance, Lands Committee, Trails Committee, Islinglass River Local Advisory Committee (IRLAC, Oyster River Local Advisory Committee (ORLAC), Lamprey River LAC

Ongoing projects for 2019 (reports by designated committee member for each item)

Trails Booklet, Meeting with Lakes Association, Natural Resource Inventory accessibility, Easements (Dolmat)

Other projects – parking area for Barrington Trail (Seavey Bridge Rd), forest management for SATWaSR, Conservation projects at Beardon property, Young Rd (Doug), Newsky property (map 266 lot 6, 30 acres, abuts SATWASR to SW

Sightings Pam mentioned seeing a bear at the SATWaSR entrance off Rte 125.

Doug Bogen made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi