

**Meeting Minutes
Barrington Conservation Commission
June 6, 2019, 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125**

PRESENT

Pam Failing, Vice-chair
John Wallace, alternate
Anne Melvin
Charlie Briggs
Marika Wilde, alternate
Doug Bogen
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman, alternate

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CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Vice-chair Pam Failing called the meeting of June 6, 2019, to order at 6:33.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Vice-chair Pam Failing confirmed the presence of members as above, with Marika serving as a voting member.

Sightings Deer tracks, big and little, were reported. Bird sightings included pileated woodpeckers, warblers, scarlet tanagers, (nesting) loons, an ovenbird and towhee. Two state endangered dragonflies were spotted, and Pam's groundhog is still around.

Approval of minutes for May 16, 2019 This was tabled until the next meeting.

Guests: Conner MacIver (Town Administrator), George Bailey (Select Board member) Scott Cole and John Kreps for Joe Falzone with the The Ridge at Green Hill Road The application for this conservation subdivision has been accepted by the Planning Board and is now in review. There were no significant changes to the plans since the last CC review. Mr. Kreps stated that the intent for now is for the open space to be held by the homeowners' association with deed restriction, and the town would have the right to inspect and enforce if necessary. The homeowners would be responsible for three drainage systems, with the town having access to these systems. Conner explained that this is primarily for road maintenance. There was discussion about the responsibilities of a homeowners' association and what happens if the association ceases to exist. John suggested that the town would want public access if the town took ownership, and he is in favor of town ownership with a designation of open space. It was the consensus that the CC has no objections to the plans as provided, but does have

questions as to the dispensation of the open space, and this was noted on the routing slip. There will be continued discussion about the ownership and monitoring of the open space.

Treasurer's Report (Anne) Conner reviewed the \$224,018.64 discrepancy between the town's general fund and the Conservation Commission Fund, with the Conservation Fund owing the general fund the above amount. The Select Board made a decision not to pursue a forensic audit to find the origin of this discrepancy. The Select Board made a proposal to split the \$224,018.64 evenly, leaving the CC responsible for \$112,009.32, and writing-off an equal balance. The Town would retain the \$86,070 currently owed to the Conservation Fund from the 2018 Land Use Change Tax (currently held in abeyance) and transfer \$25,939.32 from the Conservation Fund to the general fund. George Bailey and Conner spoke in favor of the CC accepting this proposal. Charlie questioned how the \$224,018.64 amount was arrived at, and Conner explained that hours have been spent trying to find the original source of the money owed, to no avail. Following discussion **Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the Select Board proposal to split the \$224,018.64 evenly, leaving the CC responsible for \$112,009.32, and writing-off an equal balance. The Town would retain the \$86,070 currently owed to the Conservation Fund from the 2018 Land Use Change Tax (currently held in abeyance) and transfer \$25,939.32 from the Conservation Fund to the general fund. Marika Wilde seconded the motion.** George Bailey requested a voice vote. **Pam Failing – aye, Doug Bogan – aye, Marika Wilde – aye, Anne Melvin – aye, Charlie Briggs – nay. The motion passed with a vote of four (4) to one (1).** On behalf of the Select Board George Bailey thanked the CC for its consideration of the proposal.

Old Business – Richardson Bridge, Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project, Richardson, *Pam is still working on the Richardson Bridge. John is in touch with Paul Panish regarding the purchase and sale agreement. Conner said that the bids for the Goodwill parking lot are due June 17.*

New Business: *It was mentioned that it would be helpful to have any changes to plans noted on the routing slip or plans as they go through the process.*

PB: ● [Donetta Haley 13 Lot Conservation Subdivision](#) The plans have not changed since the last CC review. The CC had no additional comments to the plans, but it remains a question as to the dispensation of the open space. This was noted on the routing slip.

● [Michael & Lisa McMahon 4 lot Subdivision](#) There were no additional comments to the plans.

● [Michael & Lisa McMahon Site Review for triplexes](#) There were no additional comments to the plans.

Conner suggested that the CC consider coming up with a standard recommendation for ownership and management of open space, recognizing that it is not going to always be “one size fits all”.

ZBA:

DES:

Other New Business

- Conner mentioned that Turbocam would like to purchase a third lot from town to avoid the wetlands and buffer on the former Legion lot. He asked if the CC could support this sale. **Anne Melvin made a motion that the CC support the Select Board and Town of Barrington selling 234 Lot 1.4 to Turbocam. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- The CC is in need of a new chairperson, and there was discussion about the job description for this position. John offered to check with the NHACC to see if it offers training or information for the role of chairperson.
- Pam will check on the use of the Legion for meetings for July and August.

Committee Reports

Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance, Lands Committee – *Dan Ayer reported that the Lands Committee received 8 applicants for a forester to do Land Use Inventory work.*

Trails Committee - *Anne and Charlie T. cut a new trail on the Calef Preserve.*

Islinglass River Local Advisory Committee (IRLAC, Oyster River Local Advisory Committee (ORLAC) *Ken Flesher has been appointed as the Barrington representative to ORLAC.*

Lamprey River LAC

Ongoing projects for 2019

Trails Booklet – *John is working on this.* Meeting with Lakes Association – *The CC members will come up with recommendations for discussion at the meeting with Lakes Associations.*

Natural Resource Inventory accessibility *There was discussion about ways to publicize trails and encourage use. Trail photos and making trail maps and the trails booklet available at spots around town were two ideas.*

Easements (Dolmat) Whitecrest has been monitored.

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

The next CC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20.

Adjourn

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi