

**Barrington Conservation Commission
August 1, 2019, 6:30 PM
American Legion
731 Franklin Pierce Hwy
Barrington, NH 03825**

PRESENT

Pam Failing, Vice-chair
John Wallace, alternate
Anne Melvin
Charlie Briggs
Marika Wilde, alternate
Doug Bogen
Ken Grossman, alternate

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

MEETING MINUTES NOTE: THESE ARE SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES ONLY. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE MEETING AUDIO IS AVAILABLE AT THE LAND USE DEPARTMENT.

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Member Anne Melvin called the meeting of August 1, 2019 to order at 6:37 .

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

Guests: Marcia Gasses

Sightings: Mentioned were a (suspected) purple finch, broad winged hawks, hummingbirds, a loon chick (lucky Nippo!), a leech, an accipiter, and an abundance of monarch butterflies.

Approval of minutes for July 11, 2019 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2019. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Treasurer's Report (Anne - only available balance for Conservation Commission use) Anne will plan to give quarterly reports.

New Business –

- Funding for engineering plan for Seavey Bridge Rd. parking area
The comment was made that the proposed parking area is high, dry, and recently cleared of trees. John will check with Phil Auger for ideas on moving forward with the parking lot as SELT

holds the easement. Pam will look at the lot as it is now to form an idea of what needs to be done.

- Wetlands Permit for Benjamin Brennan & Jonathan Parenteau-Lupine Lane

This is for a minimum expedited permit. A permit crossing for access to a buildable lot was approved in 2010, but no construction took place. The plan calls for 700 sf temporary impact and 1900 sf permanent impact, which would give access for construction of two homes with a shared driveway. The impacted wetland is noted as a forested wetland. The existing culvert would be replaced with an 18" culvert. Following a review of the plans, **Ken Grossman made a motion to have the acting Chair sign the application. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** Pam signed the application.

- Structuring of Conservation Commission

John shared what he views as the duties of the CC Chairperson. Charlie shared that it would be helpful to have someone look at wetland permits in a detailed manner in advance of meetings in order to have more effective and quicker input at meetings. Marcia stated that Barbara will be scanning and sending out all wetland permits to the group prior to meetings. While all members will get this information, Charlie volunteered to be the point person for reviewing wetland permits prior to meetings. Other duties discussed were setting up meeting places (Marcia can help with this in the future), reading and responding to emails (Ken agreed to handle this task), writing annual reports (John will continue with this), and monitoring easements (again, John will continue this). Ken offered to be titular chairperson, and will request to become a full member.

- Choosing bid for Goodwill Parking Lot

Charlie mentioned that it would be helpful for future bidding projects to have the RFP reflect the size and scope of the job. There was discussion about the merits of the bids, and both bidders were noted to be qualified companies. The lowest bid was accepted. **Anne Melvin made a motion to accept the Brown Industrial bid. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** Marcia or Conner will notify the bidders.

- Review of NRI Maps The group had positive comments about the maps. John mentioned that it would be helpful to have a more detailed explanation of the layers that go into the co-occurrence map and how they are weighted. John will pass this suggestion along to Kyle.

- Permit by notification beach replenishment Big Rock Lane.

The CC members looked at the plans and had no concerns. **Anne Melvin made a motion to have the acting Chairperson sign the permit. Ken Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a five (5) to zero (0) vote.** Pam signed the permit.

- Review of an application for putting up a tree stand/observation blind for hunting. There was discussion about whether any cutting of trees should be allowed as part of a tree stand permit. A majority of the group expressed that no cutting at all should be permitted as it could be difficult to monitor the extent and location of the cut. John stated that he feels an applicant should be able to cut trees "within reason". **Ken Grossman made a motion to approve the permit for a tree stand/blind, but with no tree cutting allowed. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** Pam signed the permit noting that the CC requests further information regarding cutting, and the applicant could attend a CC meeting with a specific proposal for this.

- Review of subdivision off Meetinghouse Road.

Marcia explained that the plans have changed from constructing townhouses to single family houses, and a driveway would be moved to avoid a wetland impact. The CC had no objections to the proposed

changes and added a comment that it supports the special exception to the ZBA of the taking access from a side not the frontage to avoid wetland impact.

Old Business – Richardson Bridge, Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project

New Business:

PB:

ZBA:

DES:

Other New Business- Barrington all Boards Meeting August 12, 2019.

Select Board representative comments and concerns

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

It is yet to be determined if the August 15 meeting will be held.

Ken Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi