

Barrington Conservation Commission
June 7, 2018 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Marika Wilde, alternate
Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison

ABSENT: Doug Bogen
Anne Melvin
Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman, alternate

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) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of June 7, 2018 to order at 6:40.

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

- 1) Sightings Sightings included a Great Horned Owl, fisher, groundhog, and deer.
- 2) Public hearing for tree cutting on scenic Old Settlers Rd. (Town of Barrington) **Pam Failing made a motion to open the public hearing. Marika Wilde seconded. The motion passed unanimously three (3) to zero (0) in favor.** Peter Cook explained that the town would like to cut some trees on Old Settlers Road (where the road changes from class 5 to class 6) in order for the town to have a turn around while plowing and for emergency services. In the past the town has turned in Mr. Dubois' driveway, and he has now offered some land, approximately a 70'x70' area, for the town to use as a turn around. Peter mentioned that the arrangement for the land is yet to be worked out, but Mr. Dubois has given approval for tree cutting. Select board chair George Bailey spoke in support of this cutting as it gives turn around access for emergency vehicles and keeps a good relationship with Mr. Dubois. Mr. Phil Boodey also spoke in favor saying it would settle the issue of the town using private land. **Pam Failing made a motion to close the public hearing. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor. Pam Failing made a motion, given that there are no concerns, to endorse the project for the town to make the turn around and cut trees. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 3) Guests: Mr and Mrs. Boodey, George Bailey
 - a) Peter Cook, Barrington Road Agent
 - b) Chris Berry, Berry Surveying (Oak Hill & Meetinghouse Road Variance Request)
- 4) Complaints: Dan mentioned that there was shooting on the Newsky property and stated that it had been handled by the land owner.

- 5) Approval of minutes of May 17 **Marika Wilde made a motion to accept the minutes of May 17 as amended. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 6) Old Business
- a) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Parking area Mr. Smith completed the work as outlined in the contract. There was discussion about how to deal with a large rock which was unearthed during construction. It was decided that the CC would help Charlie Tatham try to break up the rock with fingers and wedges. If this is not successful it was suggested to have Don Smith come back and drill the top of the rock. John will request that Andy Fast (county forester) look at two trees to determine if they are a hazard and should come down.
 - b) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Haley/Panish/Rubenstein: applying for New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Money
 - ii) Gould: applying for New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Money
 - c) update Natural Resources Inventory, co-occurrence map: meet with LRLAC 6/12 John and Anne will attend.
 - d) Goodwill (Rte 9) Driveway needs to be moved 33' further west
- 7) New Business:
- a) Planning Board:

ZBA: Oak Hill & Meetinghouse Road Variance Request Chris Berry shared two plans for the Oak Hill development, the first being a conventional layout and the second an open space layout. Mr. Berry shared the details for the open space layout, and stated that it would basically be conserving 33 acres of the total 49 acres. Mr. Berry is requesting CC support for the open space development and support for a variance to the conservation subdivision 100 foot buffer on Meetinghouse and Oak Hill Roads. The developer is suggesting the two lots be looked at as one lot for development purposes. It was mentioned that Marcia requested the developer extend Meetinghouse Road to Smoke Street so that traffic could pass from Smoke Street to Oak Hill. There was discussion of how the open space would be managed, and easement or deed restriction were mentioned as possibilities. John requested that some sort of wildlife/natural resources study be done on the properties to determine which natural features are most worthy of conservation. John also expressed that he had no problem dismissing the 100 foot setback on Meetinghouse Road, but would like it on Oak Hill (basically one lot). Pam had some concern with a minimum 25' setback from Meetinghouse Road, and Mr. Bailey suggested a compromise 50' buffer. Mr. Berry then suggested a 25' wooded/naturally vegetated road buffer. After discussion it was agreed that John will write a memo to the ZBA recommending the variance to the 100' buffer and that a vegetated/wooded buffer be in place. The CC recommends that the 100' buffer remain on Oak Hill Road.
 - b) Lakes committees: schedule a meeting with them? This meeting is scheduled for the July 19 Conservation meeting.
 - 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) communication among town boards
 - iv) establish ties with Lakes Associations
 - v) update Natural Resources Inventory, co-occurrence map
 - vi) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
 - vii) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
 - viii) Wetland buffer ordinance
 - f) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - g) Other business that may come before the commission
- 8) Announcements/correspondence:
- a) DES: public hearing about Mendums Pond water level, 6/16, 10 AM, BES
 - b) SELT

- i) Will need monitoring reports for Borodavchuk, Newhall, Coachman, River's Edge
- 9) Other committees:
 - a) Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance
 - b) Lands Committee
 - c) Trails Committee, Lands Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 10) Easements: Dolmat monitored?
- 11) Next scheduled meeting: June 21

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

Marika Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. John Wallace seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi