

Barrington Conservation Commission
July 19, 2018 6:30 PM
American Legion, 731 Franklin Pierce HWY
NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION, FOR SUMMER MEETINGS ONLY

**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
Marika Wilde, alternate
Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison
Doug Bogen

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

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of July 19, 2018 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings Recent sightings were beaver, loons, osprey, herons (great blue and green), deer, a hawk, geese and turkeys.
- 2) Guests: representatives from Barrington Lake Associations John started the meeting by sharing the role of the BCC and mentioned that the CC has no input on the state regulations on shoreland protection. The CC can weigh in on wetland impacts, which includes permits by notification. It was noted that the town zoning has a 75' buffer around lakes. The representatives and members of the four lakes associations/road associations present (Nippo, Swains, Ayers, and Mendums) shared concerns or mentioned positive happenings that impact the respective lakes. Mentioned were potential invasive species, personal watercraft (jet skis), algae blooms, and water quality/water testing. At this time the four lakes have not reported any (invasive) exotic Milfoil. Some lakes have Lake Hosts and/or weed watcher programs to check for invasive species. Ron St. Jean suggested the associations join together to urge the town to create a fund to deal with invasives in the lakes should they occur. The group learned the history of the cyanobacteria

bloom on Nippo and how that association is dealing with the problem. There was discussion about what the various Lake Associations do, and Tom Daniels expressed his desire to organize a Lake Association on Mendums. At the end of the lakes discussion John mentioned that the CC could offer associations letters of support should it be necessary to go to the state to report violations of DES regulations.

3) Complaints:

- 4) Approval of minutes of June 21, July 5 **Anne Melvin made motion to approve the minutes of June 21 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor. Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of July 5 as amended. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

5) Old Business

- a) Calef Isinglass River Preserve Parking area: tree removal scheduled for July 23 John will request that the trees be left at a certain height to provide for wildlife habitat.
- b) Goodwill (Rte 9) Driveway needs to be moved 33' further west John sent the plans to DOT and is expecting to hear back soon.
- c) Site walk for Hard Rock Excavation, July 10, 10 AM: got the wrong date
- d) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Funding for Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project.

6) New Business:

- a) Meet with Lake associations - covered above
- b) PB:
 - i) Design review, Oakhill Rd Subdivision open space subdivision. Chris Berry presented the plans for the subdivision. He mentioned that the town is looking for Meetinghouse Road to be opened from Oak Hill to Smoke Street, and he is requesting a variance for the buffer be reduced from 100' to 25' along Meetinghouse. The intent is to keep the 100 ft. buffer along Oakhill. John would like to see an assessment of the natural resources on the property. He also questioned how the development would affect wildlife connectivity, and what the disposition of the open space would be. This plan will go to the planning board at its next meeting, and John will write a memo to the planning board mentioning the questions/concerns above.
 - ii) Design review, Christmas Ln. / Lot line revisions for Holy Rosary Credit Union. Mr. Berry explained that the developers would like to consolidate the existing driveways into one "boulevard" (with sidewalk) which would service the existing houses, business, and future new businesses and development. The proposal would have a wetland impact of 1,000 sq feet. The plans show how the change would deal with drainage and the treatment of stormwater. The planners are filing for a wetland permit and asking that, if there are no

objections, the CC not intervene. John will write a memo to DES stating that the CC consensus is that this looks like an excellent use of the parcel.

- c) ZBA:
- d) DES:
- e) \$50 from Ayers Lake Assn. There was consensus among the CC that John donate to the CC the \$50 honorarium received from Ayers Lake Assn.
- f) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- g) Goals for 2018:
 - i) PR, education for the public: use of conservation fund money for PR consultant?
 - ii) trails booklet
 - iii) establish ties with Lakes Associations
 - iv) update Natural Resources Inventory, co-occurrence map **Marika Wilde made a motion to have John sign any necessary paperwork for the \$5,000 grant money for expenses for the NRI. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
 - v) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
 - vi) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
 - vii) Wetland buffer ordinance The working group is creating a draft RFP.
- h) Meet on Aug 2? I will be away. It was decided to skip the meeting scheduled for August 2.
 - i) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - j) 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
 - c) Trails Committee, Lands Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements:
 - a) Village Place: about to be taken over by HOA
 - b) Dolmat monitored?
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: August 16

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) 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 motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi