

**Barrington Conservation Commission Agenda**  
**September 6, 2018 6:30 PM**  
**Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125**

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair  
Marika Wilde, alternate  
Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison (7:30)  
Doug Bogen

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

- 1) Sightings included a plethora of squirrels, mallards eating bird seed, monarch caterpillars, and spicebush swallowtails.
- 2) Guests: Charlie Briggs, a CC member to be. Peter Nourse, (Rochester Public Works) Tracy Tarr (GZA Geo Environmental, Inc.) Mr. Nourse gave an overview of the proposed changes to the water level at Round Pond and the reasons for raising its average annual level. He stated that about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the shoreline is Rochester property, and the water comes from Strafford and Farmington. The State has asked for a minimum 2 cubic feet per second stream flow in Berry River for the ecological health of the river, but Mr. Nourse anticipates that the 2 cfs minimum will be increased by the implementation of instream flow rules. Raising the level of Round Pond 8 feet by taking more water in the winter and spring would allow for a steadier flow in the Berry River and Isinglass during the summer months; during drought this plan could help Rochester meet its water needs while lessening the impact on Berry River and the Isinglass. Tracy Tarr presented the results of the study done to determine the ecological impact to Round Pond and the surrounding area. It was noted that Blending's turtles were found, and the project is designed for the protection of the turtles. Tracy stated that the open water area would go from 94.47 acres to 112.72, and this would lead to either gaining or maintaining the aquatic bed, which is nice for wildlife diversity. This project would include mitigation for the dam work and vernal pools and scrub shrub and emergent wetlands impacted. Tracy will look into the amount allowed for mitigation. John asked about the dam being on the Whitecrest easement and noted that the easement language will have to be checked regarding this. The CC had a favorable response to the plan as presented.
- 3) Complaints: Dan mentioned shooting at the Newsky property.
- 4) Approval of minutes of August 16 **Doug Bogen made motion to approve the minutes of August 16 as amended. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 5) Old Business
  - a) Conservation Projects:
    - i) Funding for Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project: site walk Sept 12 Site walk with DES folks administering the drinking water/groundwater trust fund.

6) New Business:

- a) Round Pond reservoir water level This was covered above.
- b) Possible petitioned warrant articles: Marsh Rd conversion to Class A Trail., parking on town property at end of Marsh Rd. (Map 243 lot 2) John will table this until further discussion with SELT.
- c) \$80 for Big Tree signs (Hemlock, Black Cherry, Crack Willow, Quaking Aspen) **Marika Wilde made a motion to reimburse cooperative extension (through John Wallace) \$80.00 for the big tree signs. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**
- d) PB: Results of meeting about Goodwill Driveway/Parking area; The PB reviewed the proposal and did not have concerns, but suggested brush be cleared for better visibility. Hard Rock proposal continued to Oct.; proposal forthcoming for subdivision on Old Greenhill Rd.
- e) Vandalism, other problems at Goodwill Conservation Area John suggested having the trails committee deal with this.
- f) ZBA:
- g) DES: wetland permit for replacement of culvert on Mallego Brook. This will be considered at the next meeting.
- h) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- i) 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
  - v) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
  - vi) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
  - vii) Wetland buffer ordinance
- j) Legislative updates (Ken)
- k) Other business that may come before the commission

Announcements/correspondence: Forest Notes (SPNHF)

7) Other committees:

- a) Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance Doug said it might go on the ballot for next year.
- b) Lands Committee
- c) Trails Committee, Lands Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...

8) Easements:

- a) Village Place: taken over by HOA?
- b) Borodavchuk, Brasen Hill monitored; Dolmat?

9) Next scheduled meeting: Sept 20

*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) Beardon property, Young Rd. (Doug)
  - iii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
  - iv)

**Doug Bogen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi