## Barrington Conservation Commission September 20, 2018 6:30 PM Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair

Marika Wilde, alternate Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison

Anne Melvin

Pam Failing, Vice-chair

Charlie Briggs

ABSENT: Doug Bogen

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 Many deer have been seen, as well as (squashed!) turtles spotted and snapping. It was noted that the hummingbirds and orioles have left for warmer climes. Ken Grossman has been seen.
- 2) Guests: Jack Gale to observe meeting
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of Sept 4 Marika Wilde made a motion to table the consideration of the Sept. 4 minutes until the next meeting. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
- 5) Old Business
  - a) Conservation Projects:
    - i) Funding for Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project: John sent Moose Plate application. The city of Portsmouth and Barrington Select Board have written letters of support for this project, and Portsmouth has committed \$10,000 toward the project. The Lands Committee has recommended to the Select Board that the town owned piece abutting the Rubinstein lot be added to the Haley/Panish/Rubenstein project. Marika Wilde made a motion that the CC send a letter to the Select Board in support of adding the town owned piece to the Haley/Panish/Rubenstein project. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. John will write the letter.
- 6) New Business:
  - a) Round Pond reservoir water level thoughts about possible mitigation for wetlands impacts John asked that CC members be thinking about what could be used for mitigation relating to the Round Pond project. Hopefully this mitigation could be local.
  - 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) We are waiting to hear SELT's position, so it will be discussed at a future date.
  - c) Goodwill Driveway/Parking area Pam needs clarification on the slope and once she has this information she will write up the notes so that it can go out to bid.

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- d) PB: Hard Rock proposal continued to Oct; proposal forthcoming for subdivision on Old Greenhill Rd.
- e) Dredge and Fill permit application: Town of Barrington, Mallego Brook bridge The plans were reviewed, and the CC noted that from a conservation standpoint the proposal looks ok. John commented that a natural bottom bridge, friendlier to critters, would be replacing a culvert. Pam Failing made a motion that John sign the application. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. John signed the application.
- f) ZBA:
- g) Treasurer's report (Pam)
- h) Goals for 2018:
  - i) trails booklet
  - ii) establish ties with Lakes Associations
  - iii) update Natural Resources Inventory, co-occurrence map
  - iv) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible
  - v) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
  - vi) Wetland buffer ordinance
- i) Legislative updates (Ken)
- j) Other business that may come before the commission Dan brought up Steve Diamond's interest in making a bike path along France Road which would connect the trail which extends from Carriage Run to Market Basket. Steve may wish to explore this idea further.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence
  - a) Protecting Drinking Water Supply Lands Workshop, Sept 24, Rochester
  - b) NHACC meeting, Nov 3
  - c) Forest Notes (SPNHF)
  - d) Letter from PREP: funding for Gould appraisal expired
- 8) Other committees:
  - a) Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance
  - b) Lands Committee, Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
  - c) Discussion about work on the Rabbitat. John has a new connection at NRCS and will be meeting with Charlie Moreno and the NRCS contact person to plan for future work on maintaining the cut area.
- 9) Easements:
  - a); Dolmat?
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: Oct 4

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

Pam Failing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

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