

**Barrington Conservation Commission  
November 21, 2019 6:30 PM  
Barrington Elementary School  
570 Calef Highway  
Barrington, NH 03825**

**PRESENT**

Pam Failing, Vice-chair  
John Wallace, alternate  
Marika Wilde, alternate  
Doug Bogen  
Charlie Briggs  
Anne Melvin  
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

**ABSENT**

Ken Grossman, Chairman  
Glenn Gould, alternate

**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) Vice-Chair Pam Failing called the meeting of November 21, 2019 to order at 6:30.

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

**Approval of minutes** for November 7, 2019 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2019 as amended. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

**Guests:** Brenden Quigley, Gove Environmental Services Falzone Subdivision, Substitute Road This is a 55 lot subdivision with 5 commercial lots. Mr. Quigley brought to the attention of the CC that there are two vernal pools (lots 37 and 41) impacted by development. This impact will require compensatory mitigation, and the state has accepted the proposed open space as suitable mitigation for the project, with assurance that the open space have permanent conservation. John opined that he is not in favor of ownership being with a homeowners' association, and Charlie stated that he feels the town would be fine providing stewardship services as long as a homeowners' association is not involved. Mr. Quigley requested a letter from the CC to DES (Stefanie Giallongo, cc Lori Summer) expressing an interest in protecting the open space in some manner. The CC consensus was for the town to take fee ownership of the property as conservation land, i.e. with provisions in the deed requiring its permanent status as such and a definition of exactly what defines open space. The CC would like for the land, or at least most of it, to be open to the public for passive recreational activities and hunting, and for there to be a reserved right to put trails and a small parking area on the property. If needed, the CC is willing

to have the town submit an annual report to the NH Dept. of Natural Resources about the status of the property.

If a conservation easement is required, the commission is willing to have the town hold an easement as long as a suitable owner of the property is established. It is the CC understanding that legally the town can hold a conservation easement on land that it owns, so that may be an option also.

**Anne Melvin made a motion to have John write a letter to DES expressing the recommendations stated above. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** John will write the letter.

Pam voiced concerns with the vernal pools buffer impacts and wondered if the buffers could be increased by the PB. John will write a memo to the PB requesting the vernal pool buffers be increased from the 50 foot buffer required in the zoning regulation.

Other Business: Invoices:

**Treasurer's Report** (Anne) (only available balance for Conservation Commission use) Anne reported \$333,277.35 in the Conservation Fund at the end of October. Dan reported that approximately \$30,000 was recently paid out for the Goodwill parking lot, and John mentioned that \$2500 should be coming in from LRAC.

**Old Business/New Business** – Richardson Dam, Goodwill Amendment

Seavey Bridge Parking The application has to come from landowners. John is waiting to hear back from them.

**PB: [238-11-V-19-SR \(Owners: 535 Franklin Pierce, LLC\)](#)**

got a permit from state for a new driveway. Putting in a septic system and putting in business in garage. Charlie did not see any wetland impact. After review the CC had no comment, and Pam indicated this on the routing slip.

**[220-54.7.1 & 54.7.2-RC/GR-19/LL/SR/9.6 \(Albert Estes-Mills Falls Realty, LLC\)](#)** This involves a business proposal for storage units. The proposed driveway would impact a wetland buffer, and the CC feels the impact could be minimized and noted that it appears there may be an alternative driveway design. Pam noted the CC concerns with the buffer impact on the routing slip and also noted that before making a final recommendation the CC would like to do a site walk. John mentioned that this is within the Isinglass River corridor, and he suggested Anne bring it to the attention of IRLAC.

**ZBA:**

**DES:**

**Select Board representative comments and concerns**

**Committee Reports**

Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance, Lands Committee Anne brought up the question of responsibility for safety on trails, specifically what organization is responsible for trail bridge repair and other maintenance that could be a safety issue. Comments were made that there has been maintenance done on Town Forest bridges. Trails Committee, Isinglass 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 user friendliness,

**Other projects** – parking area for Barrington Trail (Seavey Bridge Rd), forest management for SATWaSR

**Easements:** Pam has monitored Dolmat and will follow up with writing the report. John has monitored Wallace and Littlefield and Lakeview on Nippo.

**Sightings:** Bluebirds, an opossum, and a saw-whet owl were sighted. Also mentioned was a lot of beaver activity.

**Doug Bogen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi