

Barrington Conservation Commission

November 16, 2017 6:30 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

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

ABSENT: Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of November 16, 2017 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings Squirrels, deer, and backyard birds were mentioned. Moving in for the winter are the uninvited houseguests of mice and flying squirrels.
- 2) Guests: Bernie DuBois to observe the meeting
Charlie Moreno & Keri Neal: forest management of SATWaSR Keri did not attend. A management contract would be from NRCS to Charlie and he would do the forest management plan. Pam wondered about doing work before a management plan is completed, but Charlie thinks a management plan must be in place before any work is done. Dan mentioned that the Fire Dept. would like access roads for fire and safety needs, but it was pointed out that to fit the easement any roads would have to be done for management for improving habitat. Charlie stated that there are three parts to a plan, the first being assessing the land and resources, the second is recommendations for improvements as determined by objectives (largely dictated by the easement), and the third part is the logistics of how it gets done. He added that this is a forever conserved parcel of land and it should have a long range plan that looks at the entire lot long term 100 years in the future. John pointed out that the primary goal of SATWaSR is water protection, and reminded the group that the Forest Society would be involved since it holds the easement. John suggested that

he, Charlie, and Keri get together informally to set up a plan to move forward, and John will be arranging this.

- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes of Nov 2. **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2017. Pam Failing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).**
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Parking area – Results of PB meeting It's a go!! Peter Cook suggested that this project go to bid (or get quotes), and he indicated to Pam that it would be possible to use town gravel. John will get the quote process started, and Pam will stake out the lot. It was mentioned that no parking beyond this point/private driveway signs need to be put past the parking area.
 - b) Reports on town-owned conservation lands The reports are due to John on Dec. 15.
 - c) Town-owned properties added to Stonehouse Forest project The isolated landlocked center piece could go to SELT as part of the Stonehouse Forest.
 - d) Goals for 2018 – CC will start planning and addressing these.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Planning Board:
 - i) Site Review, Heidelberg Nursery Labrador Ln; result of site walk The owner indicated that this will be primarily a demonstration nursery with organic practices. Pam suggested a note on the plan that states it's an organic operation and this would hold should it be transferred to another owner. John will write a memo to the PB suggesting a smaller standard of road width to make it less impervious surface and requesting that the plans indicate it is following organic practices for all future business.
 - ii) Connick, 3-lot subdivision, Orchard Hill Rd. not applying now
 - iii) Tanguay & Brown, 2-lot subdivision, Greenhill Rd. The plan shows the building lot to the front of the lot, and the question was asked that if the lot is sold, does the buyer have to put the house where it is shown on the subdivision plan. John will write a memo to the PB requesting that the wetland buffer area be delineated in the field prior to construction and that a note be put on the plans to show that any alterations/additions to the existing barn go before the PB because it is in a wetland buffer.
 - iv) Baxter, lot line adjustment, Beauty Hill Rd. The CC cannot comment because the plan was difficult to read.
 - b) NHACC meeting - report (John) tabled until next meeting.
 - c) Com email address - John would like to set up an email address (gmail account) just for the BCC. He will do so.
 - d) Treasurer's report (Pam)

- e) Legislative updates (Ken)
- f) Other business that may come before the commission Pam reviewed what had been discussed at the last CC meeting regarding the needs for Goodwill parking area. John stated that John Scruton said the CC can request quotes from other engineering firms. There was discussion about the final cost of the project and how to best accomplish the necessary work and a time frame for doing this. Also discussed were the pros and cons of moving the entrance driveway further up on Rte 9 toward Young Road. The CC will look into all possibilities for the work at future meetings.
- 7) Announcements/correspondence:
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: Village Place, Borodavchuk monitored
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: December 7

Items remaining on agenda, but not expected to be discussed at this meeting:

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Stonehouse Forest
 - ii) Diberto properties: Tax map 213 lots 6 & 24 46 acres on Long Pond (Sloper Rd access)
 - iii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
 - iv) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18
 - v) Rubenstein Estate property, 37 acres off of Richardson Dr.
- b) Goodwill (Rte 9) Driveway needs to be moved 33' further west
- c) Goals for 2017
 - i) volunteer land stewards
 - ii) conservation education for the public (Ken)
 - iii) communication among town boards (Ken)
 - iv) trails booklet (John)
 - v) update Town Forest management plan (Ken)
 - vi) make Natural Resources Inventory more accessible (John)
 - vii) establish ties with Lakes Associations
 - viii) town representative to Lamprey River LAC
- d) March 1, 2018: BES unavailable

Marika Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi