

Barrington Conservation Commission

December 7, 2017 6:30 PM

Barrington Elementary School Conference Room, Route 125

PRESENT: John Wallace, Chair
Anne Melvin
Doug Bogen, alternate
Marika Wilde

ABSENT: Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman
Dan Ayer, Selectmen liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of December 7, 2017 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings A hawk, skunk, owl and backyard birds were all sighted.
- 2) Guests: Stephen Jeffery
- 3) Complaints:
- 4) Approval of minutes of November 16 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2017. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0).**
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Calef Isinglass River Preserve: Parking area – RFP, and pay for ad in Fosters John will check with John Scruton to see if contracting work for the parking lot has to go to bid or if it can be done by quotes. **Marika Wilde made a motion to expend up to \$100 for an ad in Fosters if the parking lot project needs to go to bid. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.** The PB expressed concerns with parking on the right of way, and John said that signage will be put up.
 - ii) Wilson property on Mendums Pond: GBRPP grant funded, approved by selectmen; waiting to do appraisal
 - iii) Stonehouse Forest – closing scheduled for next week
 - b) Reports on town-owned conservation lands John reminded the group about the due date of Dec. 15

- c) Town-owned properties added to Stonehouse Forest project **John Wallace made a motion to rescind the motion (10-5-17) regarding the warrant article to have town owned properties be added to Stonehouse Forest. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- d) Goals for 2018 This will be covered in January.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Planning Board:
 - b) Stoddard CC appeal to support HB1343, about beavers According to the Stoddard Conservation Commission, this bill benefits conservation by strengthening the protection of beavers mainly through better reporting of beavers taken out of season and the removal of their dams. Following discussion, **Anne Melvin made a motion to endorse HB 1343. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of three (3) to zero (0) in favor.** John abstained. Anne will send the information on HB 1343, with the BCC endorsement, to the appropriate organizations/people.
 - c) CC email address: barringtonconservation@gmail.com Anne suggested this address be put on Barrington Connections and the CC website.
 - d) NHACC meeting - report (John) One workshop John attended was on land trust standards and practices and accreditation for organizations. John asked about accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance for conservation commissions and towns regarding stewarding easements, and he will follow up on this. DES did a workshop on wetland protection and enforcement. While at the meeting John learned that Sandown has an option of inviting the public for input on vernal pools, and if landowners would like to know if they are the steward of a vernal pool, someone from the town can come and determine its status. Marika will look into this as a possibility for our town. Another idea John heard is to notify the building inspector of all conservation easements in town so that it would be immediately apparent where building permits are not allowed. John will notify John Huckins of all easements. While at the meeting John also obtained a protocol for handling easement violations.
 - e) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - f) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - g) Meet Dec 21? This meeting was cancelled.
 - h) Other business that may come before the commission
 - i) **Anne Melvin made a motion to pay \$191.16 from the Conservation fund for the no parking dusk to dawn signs. Marika Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
 - ii) Doug asked about the possibility of conserving the land, or a portion of the land, now for sale on Young Road. John said that the WRE might be a possibility. Doug will contact NRCS and SELT.

- 7) Announcements/correspondence: SELT sent congratulations on the 10th anniversary of the Goodwill conservation area.
- 8) Other committees: Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements: all but Dolmat monitored Pam will be monitoring this easement.
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: January 4, 2017

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

- a) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Diberto properties: Tax map 213 lots 6 & 24 46 acres on Long Pond (Sloper Rd access)
 - ii) Newsky property (map 266 lot 6), 30 acres, abuts SATWaSR to SW
 - iii) Haley properties: tax map 240 lot 7 and map 249 lot 18
 - iv) Rubenstein Estate property, 37 acres off of Richardson Dr.
- b) Goodwill (Rte 9) Driveway needs to be moved 33' further west
- c) forest management of SATWaSR
- d) 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
- e) March 1, 2018: BES unavailable

Anne Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi