

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

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

ABSENT Glenn Gould, alternate
Ken Grossman, 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) Chair John Wallace called the meeting of December 20, 2018 to order at 6:30.

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

- 1) Sightings A squirrel without a tail and leaping deer were reported. Could they be reindeer?
- 2) Guests: Brian Lenzi, Lands Committee, to discuss forest management on SATWaSR
- 3) Complaints: none
- 4) Approval of minutes **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6 as amended. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Possible forest management plan on SATWaSR, John met with Matt Larkin (NRCS) and Charlie Moreno to discuss possible help funding a forest management plan through the EQIP program. Matt indicated that the funding could possibly be \$5100, and he stated it would be best to get the request in to NRCS by March. It was mentioned that water supply protection is priority one in any plan for SATWaSR. Brian Lenzi suggested that it might be more efficient and less costly to prioritize certain areas for management and have a plan focus initially on those specific areas. John proposed that an area wide management plan might be best with the overall plan allowing for the prioritizing. Pam pointed out that the NRCS plan is a two year plan with the first year being the study and suggestions and the second year being implementation. Also mentioned was the abundance of data available on line. Brian said the Lands Committee is willing to put together a RFP to choose a forester who will then apply to the NRCS for management plan funding.
 - b) Goodwill Driveway/Parking area Pam is finalizing the plans for the RFP.
 - c) Conservation Projects:
 - i) Funding for Haley/Panish/Rubinstein project:
 - (1) Update on plan for Rubinstein parcel It is not possible to close on the parcel this year, but the executor for the Rubinstein estate has indicated this is not a problem.
 - ii) \$190K from DWGWTF approved, \$10K from Portsmouth approved, \$20K from Moose Plate approved, \$10K from Bafflin Foundation applied for; \$10K Fields Pond application applied for
 - d) Possible petitioned warrant articles: Marsh Rd conversion to Class A Trail., parking on town property at end of Marsh Rd. (Map 243 lot 2) Signatures are being gathered for the petitioned warrant article.

- e) Update NRI and Co-occurrence map: feedback on online mapping tool?
- f) Meet on Jan 3? The January 3 meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is Jan. 17.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Nominate SELT for a New Hampshire Fish and Game Award? Members agreed that SELT deserves this award. John will send a nomination letter on behalf of the BCC to the appropriate agency.
 - b) Reports from NHACC meeting and Wildlife/Climate meeting (John) John reviewed the proposed changes for wetland rules. A new category, lower scrutiny application is suggested that incorporates some of the earlier categories, and conservation commissions will no longer get notification for these dredge and fill permits. Overall, there is less conservation oversight with the new proposals. At the state level, a buffer would no longer be required for a prime wetland. A second presentation at the meeting dealt with sand and gravel pits as habitats. It was pointed out that gravel pits can attract a variety of wildlife and provide diversity. The last presentation John attended was titled Do More With Your NRI – Get Into the Field. It stressed getting outside, into the areas the NRI covered. A workshop at the wildlife/climate presentation dealt with managing wildlife for climate change, and it brought up the importance of identifying resilient landscapes. There is a mapping tool that can be used to show these landscapes. Also mentioned was the importance of riparian buffers in mitigating the effects of climate change.
 - c) PB:
 - i) Site Review: addition to Calef's Country Store, Rte 9, Map 238 lot 50 After review of the plans the BCC has no comment.
 - ii) 2-lot subdivision: Vaughn Cook, Brittany Ln., Map 220, lot 34 subdivide 7 acre lot into 2 lots. No wetland impacts. Following plan review the BCC has no comment.
 - iii) 2-lot subdivision: Brenda Wishart, Winkley Rd., Map 253 lot 20 Separate storage facility from house. The BCC has no comment.
 - d) ZBA:
 - e) DES:
 - f) Treasurer's report (Pam)
 - g) 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
 - h) Legislative updates (Ken)
 - i) Other business that may come before the commission
- 7) Announcements/correspondence The BCC has received \$2500 from the Lamprey River Advisory Committee to be put toward the NRI.
- 8) Other committees:
 - a) Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance
 - b) Lands Committee, Trails Committee, IRLAC, ORLAC,...
- 9) Easements:
 - a) Dolmat?
- 10) Next scheduled meeting: Jan. 17

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

Anne Melvin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi