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To: Barrington Planning Board

From: Pam Failing, Barrington Conservation Commission

Date: May 2, 2017

Re: Planned Parking Area for A. Harlan Calef Isinglass Preserve

PROJECT NARRATIVE

(Additional information: location map, lot layout, project notes to follow.)

Last year another large parcel, ~ 300 Ac., was conserved in the Town of Barrington. This parcel, the A. Harlan Calef - Isinglass Preserve, lies southeast of Rt. 202 and is accessed from Town Farm Road (location map to follow). The conservation commission actively promotes use and enjoyment of conserved lands in the town and helps ensure this by planning for public parking areas for recreational access. This easement had two areas removed from the easement with the intention of creating a parking area. Last year we began to plan for parking in the area at the end of Town Farm Road, however the adjoining owner was in opposition of this, so we are now planning to use this second area.

This lot is ~ 60' x 95' (5400 SF) and is located ~ half way down Town Farm Road at the southeast corner of the intersection with an easement ROW. This lot was surveyed out of the easement, is shown on the easement map, and is staked in the field. The back half, ~ 30' x 95', is to be cleared to create the parking area, leaving the strip adjacent to Town Farm Road as a buffer. This area will hold ~ 7 vehicles and will also be the starting point for one of the trails leading toward the River.

Basically, the scope of work will involve:

- Cutting/removing ~ 15 - 4" to 15" dia. trees. Tree limbs and brush will be used to create wildlife habitat piles in the adjacent easement area and some trees stems will be placed to line the parking area.

- Removing stumps and top 8-12" of soil, then hauling it away.

- Provide, place, and compact 8-12" of crushed stone for a firm surface. Top surface of stone will meet existing grade/slope to maintain existing drainage pattern.

A quick cost estimate puts this project in the \$6,000 range and the Commission plans to collect bids for this work.

At this point we are preparing to present this at the PB's May 16th meeting. Questions about this project can be addressed to Pam Failing or John Wallace.

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