



**Town of Barrington  
Public Meeting  
Draft Proposal Review & Subcommittee Meeting  
JUNE 27, 2023, 2:00PM - 5:00 PM  
TOWN HALL LAND USE CONFERENCE ROOM @ TOWN HALL  
4 SIGNATURE DRIVE  
BARRINGTON, NH 03825**

## Meeting Minutes

The Barrington Subcommittee will hold a work session on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, concerning the following agenda items for discussion:

**Primary purpose of the meeting:** Draft Proposal Review & Subcommittee Meeting for amendment to supplement section 9.6 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

1. Introduction of Staff and Steering Committee.

Committee Attendees: Ken Grossman, Conservation Commission; Doug Bogen, Conservation Commission, John Driscoll, Planning Board; Paul Panish, Conservation Commission, Jack Gale, Conservation Commission; Ron Allard, Planning Board

Staff Attendees: Vanessa Price, Jamey Jameson

Consultants: Marc Jacobs, Wetland Scientist; Adele Mattson, Wetland Scientist

2. Discussion by Marc Jacobs for the overview of Barrington Wetland Assessment Method to Support Special Use Permit Applications.
  - Discussion on the proposed additions to the current zoning ordinance: 9.6(1)(e), 9.6(1)(f), 9.6(1)(g).
    - Ron Allard expressed that he saw from the planning Board side, that the method in place has been working. They have received no complaints from the public or applicants that it is not working.
    - Conservation Commission members present, stated they felt that the current 9.6 doesn't have valuation of wetlands and their potential value to the environment.
    - Discussion on wetland delineations, and valuation costs burden upon the applicant.
    - Wetland scientist approval by the Barrington Conservation Commission is not a valid comment. The Planning Board is the Regulatory function Board, the Conservation Commission is advisory. Any actions on an application goes through the Planning Board for formal vote.
    - Discussion if it was possible to do expansion of uses.
    - The Special Use permit outlined is the 9.6 Section of the Zoning Ordinance
  - Discussion on the Ecosystems Functions and Services Data form.
    - Discussion came up again regarding the costs burden upon the applicant and who will be responsible for reviewing the application for completeness? Conservation Commission mentioned hiring staff, but as a Planning Board Application process it would fall to the Town Planner.

- Discussion on the data form to put the resources on the data sheet.
- Specific references should not be in the Zoning Ordinance, if it gets voted in, as website and references may change.
- Discussion that the Subcommittee should look at each doing a case file using the data services form to find if there are any issues and how long the process should take. The Conservation Commission anticipates this can be completed by the applicant not necessarily a wetland scientist. It is anticipated that a wetland scientist or engineer doesn't have to do the evaluation based on the criteria on the data form.
- The subcommittee decided that members should fill out the application on a case study of a recent case file to look at the discrepancies and timeline for the review of the data sheet.
- Discussion that Marc Jacobs would provide an updated form so the subcommittee can do the case study exercise.
- Marc Jacobs, Wetland scientist, received a copy of the Town's delineated wetlands report.

3. Discussion on timeline

- The Subcommittee will meet August 8, 2023, from 2:00 PM – 4:40PM to discuss the case studies.
- Meet with the Consultant, Marc Jacobs, on August 15, 2023, from 2:00PM – 4:00 PM.
- Anticipate presentation to the August 15, 2023, Planning Board to discuss findings and possible zoning amendment changes. (If approved to move forward, the Town attorney will review the proposed zoning changes for a legal review.)
- Possible date of September 12, 2023, for the Consultant to formally do a presentation for the Planning board.

4. Adjourn. (Next meeting with the subcommittee will be to discuss a case study and rank them.)