

Barrington Conservation Commission Draft Minutes 12/5/19
Barrington Elementary School
Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Present: Chair Ken Grossman, John Wallace, Charlie Briggs, Marika Wilde, Anne Melvin

Sightings: Red bellied woodpeckers, ravens and bluebirds

Minutes of 11/21/19 were approved 5-0 moved by John, seconded by Marika Ken requested that in general, barring emergencies, try to have all agenda items in to him by the Monday before the meeting. Ken accepts texts at 603-731-8322

Old Business:

A public hearing was announced at 6:50pm. It was moved by John and seconded by Charlie to accept title to the Haley properties (tax map 240 lot 7 and tax map 249 lot 18) and to add them and two town-owned properties (tax map 240 lots 5 and 6) to the Goodwill conservation easement. Passed 5-0

Re: the Richardson Dam, it was the consensus of those present that we are not willing to commit to pay for the costs of the dam repair until we know the actual cost and have a legal opinion that it is legal to take money from the Conservation Fund for that purpose.

The Old Green Hill Subdivision was discussed. No decision was made other than that vernal pool delineation should be on the first subdivision plan.

New Business:

Seavey Bridge Parking Lot: Pam Failing's design was used in the request for bids. There was only one response, from Dan Ayer. It was moved by John, seconded by Anne and passed 5-0 to accept Dan's bid pending Planning Board approval.

Leighton Property: Anne, Doug and John went on a walk of this 400 acre property that is in both Barrington and Strafford with Duane Hyde from SELT. All agreed it is a beautiful piece of property that shows great value on the cooccurrence map.

SELT will probably request around \$200,000 from the conservation fund towards permanent conservation. They will be seeking funds from grants as well. John made a motion seconded by Charlie to contribute money from the conservation fund for the permanent conservation of the Leighton property. Passed 5-0

Charlie brought up the question of liability on our town lands and trails. John had researched it and said NH Statutes 508:14 stated under Landowner Liability Limits that anyone who allows people on their land "without charge" will not be held liable.

Easement monitoring:

John and Anne monitored Village Place on 12/4/19. John monitored Falls on the Isinglass subdivision on 12/5/19.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Next meeting: 12/19/19 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Melvin