

**Barrington Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes for Tuesday, April 9, 2013, Meeting**  
**School Committee Room, Barrington Town Hall**

**In attendance:** Cyndee Fuller, Ed Ionata, Doug Materne, David Boyes, Joseph Roberts, Lisa Merck, Leslie Weeden

Cyndee called the meeting to order at 7:33. Doug made a motion to approve the minutes from January, February, and March 2013. Ed seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Review of Last Month's Application:**

**Application #3706** Mark Cooper, Harvard Architectural Associates, LLC 103 Bolton Road, Harvard, MA 01451, applicant; Daniel Dickstein, 17 Echo Drive, Barrington, RI, 02806, owner, for permission to renovate an existing single-family home, adding 60 square feet to existing footprint; Assessor's Plat 5, Lot 88, R-40 District, 17 Echo Drive, Barrington, RI 02806, requiring dimensional relief for front yard setback; noting existing structure is within 100 feet of wetlands.

Leslie reported that there were no issues or questions at the Zoning meeting and that she thought the application had been approved.

**Town Council Update:**

June Speakman was not present because the Town Council was meeting at the same time. We discussed the current proposal in the Rhode Island House and Senate to make storm sewers the same in all towns as well as wetlands setbacks, which was likely to be discussed at the Town Council meeting.

**Commissioner Tasks:**

Ed: Zoning code update for wetlands definition. Ed is working on it.

Joseph: Reusable Bag Initiative; review and vote on entering agreement with RWU Center for Community Partnerships. Joseph's plan was to go through RWU's Center for Community Partnerships in order to get students involved in the research. There is an application process, which would need to be done by the town (Peter DeAngelis). Joseph is now rethinking the idea; survey would use students and would be commissioned through the Town of Barrington, but would not be implemented through the Center. We need to tell Town Council by June how we're going to conduct the survey. Cyndee asked to see the questions beforehand. Joseph hopes to have a list of questions by May.

Leslie: Speakers Program. This has been moved to the Fall (mid-September through early October). Will be organized in conjunction with Barrington Library so that

they can help with publicity through their newsletter, Facebook page, flyers, newspaper writeups, etc. Will be a mix of lectures and films.

Doug: Police Cove, Rayner Wildlife Refuge/Nockum Hill, summary of recent meetings. Doug reported on meetings for both Nockum Hill and Police Cove. He mentioned discussions about where to grow strawberries (Nockum Hill) and ramp regulations (Police Cove). Also mentioned judging for community art competition. Next meeting for Police Cove is end of May.

Cyndee: Vitullo/Barrington Community Garden. So far a group of four (including Cyndee) has been meeting to discuss Barrington Community Garden. Soon they will open up the Steering Committee to more members. Cyndee recently did a walk-through of property with Haley Wohlever (student doing trails project) and Helen Tjader of Barrington Land Conservation Trust.

David: Phase II/MS4. Needs to look at stormwater requirements and plan. Conservation Commission is supposed to be doing an education piece.

Lisa: Town Landfills. A couple of them are now officially closed (#1 and #2) and have been turned into playing fields. Put a solar feature on one of the capped landfills? We discussed other landfills in town (one near cemetery, one near DPW). Email Lisa with any questions we want answered about landfills.

Other topics:

- Discussion about what's under Brickyard Pond
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (April 25)
- Barrington Land Conservation Trust ~~looking into~~ interested in plot of land on Bay Spring Avenue. Cyndee to contact Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to see if there's a file on it.
- Ed talked to GIS guy about overlay to find out which plots have wetlands or nearby wetlands. Cyndee to discuss with Phil Hervey.

Joseph moved to adjourn the meeting. Cyndee seconded. Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Weeden, Secretary  
Revised by CFuller 5/16/13.