

**Barrington Conservation Commission
Minutes for August 12, 2014 Meeting
School Committee Room, Barrington Town Hall**

Attendance

	Boyes, David (Treasurer)	X	Myatt, Ted
X	Fuller, Cyndee (Chair)	X	Roberts, Joseph (Secretary)
X	Materne, Doug		Speakman, June (Town Council)
	Merck, Lisa	X	Weeden, Leslie

Barrington Conservation Commission

Called to order at 7:37

Zoning Board

New Applications for Review and Recommendation

No applications

Past Applications for Review and Recommendation

No applications

CODDER 02806

Committee Opposed to Detrimental Development and for Environmental Responsibility (CODDER) 02806 (represented by Les Costa [3 Colonial Avenue, les6250@hotmail.com, 401-533-3743], Kevin Doyle, and William LeMoult) presentation about their concerns about environmental concerns about development in Barrington. “RI Bays, Rivers and Watersheds System Level Plan 2009-2013” September 2008 Report that created plan for development issues relating to clean waterways in the state. Other state level reports echo this report with specific action items. RIDEM/USEPA/FB Environmental Barrington/Palmer/Warren Rivers Watershed Plan (November 2012) also has specific plan in place. Is there a synergistic approach to protect clean water and meet the 10% mandate for low-moderate housing? Can towns, like Barrington,

use the clean waterways initiatives as an argument against development within the community, particularly Nockum Hill and Palmer River/Sowams Nursery.

If there is a federal nexus (federal funds are used) for development of low-moderate income housing, then formal NEPA documentation is required. It is not clear if the EBCDC is planning to use federal funds for Palmer River/Sowams Nursery. Conservation Commission will formally request an answer to this question from appropriate parties.

Senior Center/Community Center Proposal

Consensus opinion to oppose the development of the senior Center at the YMCA site. If the zoning is conservation or there are wetlands, the site is not appropriate for development. There is the potential that the site is historically relevant because of the location of the kilns for the brickyard. Congestion issues because of existing YMCA use, bike path, walking trails, Veterans Park field, etc. There are more viable sites (particularly Maple Ave or Zion). The nexus between Barrington town programming and a private, member organization's programming (YMCA) is inappropriate.

Town Council Update

None

Administration

- C. Fuller Motion to Approve July 2014 Minutes as amended (T. Myatt, Second), Approved.

Commissioner Task Updates

- Joseph:
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- Leslie
 - Speaker’s program for 2014 —Films (“Damnation,” “City Dark,” and “Trashed,” and “Chasing Ice”) will be scheduled for consecutive Wednesdays in September. Need \$375 for cost of films. D. Boyes will work with L. Weeden on fund transfer. One Wednesday is still in planning stages for a panel discussion and film “Shored Up” on climate change/sea rise in October.
- Doug:
 - Police Cove — No update
 - Rayner Wildlife Refuge/Nockum Hill — No update
- Cyndee:
 - Barrington Community Garden — Well planned, asking to have remaining grass field mowed so additional plots can be constructed.
 - Legislative Task Force for Wetlands — No update
- David:
 - Phase II/MS4 — No update
 - Tree City USA — Meeting with the tree warden soon to discuss existing regulations and the need for a tree plan.
- Lisa:
 - Town landfills — No Update
- Ted:
 - Any interests?

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Barrington Tree Commission

Called to order at 9:21

- C. Fuller Motion to acknowledge that the request of Megan and Craig Baillie for appeal of Tree Warden’s decision to deny request to remove tree at 1 Bay Avenue has been withdrawn without prejudice (D. Materne, Second). Approved unanimously.
- Review draft of decision criteria to formulate written policy – will be provided prior to meeting. Take home and think about the draft and provide comments for September.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50.