

**Barrington Conservation Commission
Minutes for July 14, 2015 Meeting
School Committee Room, Barrington**

Attendance

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

Barrington Conservation Commission

Called to order at 7:34PM

Zoning Board

New Applications for Review and Recommendation

Application #3809, Eric Gardner, 1 Bowden Ave, Barrington RI, applicant and owner, for permission to construct a new house alongside the existing dwelling and then remove the existing building. Assessor's Plat 33, Lot 6, R-10 District, 1 Bowden Ave, Barrington, RI, requiring dimensional relief for front yard setback, home within 100' of wetlands, two principal residential buildings temporarily on lot, and requiring a special use permit for construction within 100' of Wetlands Overlay District.

Scott Weymouth, architect, and Eric and Elizabeth Gardner, homeowners, and Ed Avizinis, Natural Resource Services, Inc. (resume attached) discussed the proposal. Key issue is to move the structure away from the corner and to minimize risk of flooding given. C. Fuller Motion to approve as presented with the following conditions based on the fact that the lot would be unbuildable without the presence of an existing dwelling: all sides except street side have erosion control measures for duration of construction of new dwelling and demolition of existing building, all building materials on street side of home (T. Myatt, Second). Approved, 4-1.

Past Applications for Review and Recommendation

No applications from last month's meeting.

Town Council

Discussion with Kristie McCann Passalacqua regarding town use of chemical pesticides and herbicides, many of which are known carcinogens or have other

documented health hazards, on public land and resident use of same on private property. (Added to agenda as discussion item)

Conservation Commission was receptive to working on best practices for town properties and a public education program for private properties. Cost and labor issues are two of the critical issues. Commission will add this as a regular discussion item for possible further action.

No Council update from June Speakman

Recommendation sent to Town Council on Ned Barton's Echo Lake proposal – copy attached

Letter sent by Conservation Commission. Other discussion by email with Barrington Land Conservation Trust

Discuss and make recommendation for revisiting plastic bag ban, per Sally Carpenter letter (attachment)

Conservation Commission unanimously supports strengthening town ordinance and will provide additional recommendations in the August meeting.

Request to DPW to refrain from mowing St. Andrew's Field and Landfill #3 to allow development of native milkweed.

Conservation Committee communicated with DPW to halt mowing on the two parcels.

Planning

Discuss and make recommendation to Town Council on request to abandon Locust Road (attachment)

The paper street may have no specific conservation value that warrants keeping the land. There needs to be a clear survey of the land and the financial issues must be addressed.

Review and develop recommendation for Phil Hervey, Town Planner, on amendment/modification of conservation easement in place at 102 Sowams Road, made by Michael and Andrea Neligon (attached).

Letter sent to Planning regarding property and the proposal.

Administration

- T. Myatt, Motion to Approve June 2015 Minutes (C. Fuller, Second), Approved.

Commissioner Task Updates

- Joseph:
 - Earth Day Cleanup/Plastic Bag Initiative
- Leslie
 - Film series
- Doug:
 - Police Cove
 - Rayner Wildlife Refuge/Nockum Hill
- Cyndee:
- David:
 - Phase II/MS4
 - Tree City USA
- Ted:
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- Jim:
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Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM

