

**Barrington Conservation Commission
February 22, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

IN PERSON LOCATION: Town of Barrington (NEW TOWN HALL) 4 Signature Drive
(1/4-mile North of the Old Town Hall) Barrington, NH 03825

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bogen, Chair
Gary Imbrie
Paul Panish
Ken Grossman
Anne Melvin, alternate

ABSENT

Jack Gale, Vice Chair/Treasurer
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Dan Cassidy, alternate
Scott Heron, alternate
Charlie Tatham, alternate
Jenny Stuart, alternate

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Doug Bogen called the meeting of February 22, 2024 to order at 7:00.

Delegation of voting members Chair Doug Bogen confirmed the presence of members as above, with Anne serving as a voting member.

Minutes review and approval The minutes of February 8, 2024 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale) Balance: \$549,776.11

Guests: Chris Berry and Kevin Poulin for Turbocam

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Permits for Tree Stands for Stephen and Philip Treadwell The permits were approved and Doug will sign them.
- Richardson Pond Eco Study Marc West will contact Doug with a final estimate for the project.
- Monitoring Doug met with the new owner of Schulz Legere and was able to walk the Barrington Trail with her. The owner expressed a concern that the trail not impinge on the owners use of the property as a horse farm. (The property easement does not include an access easement).

- Coot Farm The PB has closed comments for the design phase.
- Young Road project
- Gerrior Rd. re-design
- Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

238-44-1&44-v-24-DesignReview (Owner: NHBBC, LLC (LOT 44-1), Virtuous Realty, LLC (LOT 44))

Mr. Poulin presented the plan which calls for construction of a light manufacturing facility with parking and drainage. The proposal requires applying for a 9.6 Special Use Permit for disturbance in a wetland buffer. The two parcels in total have a permanent wetland buffer disturbance of 15,300 sf and 2,084 sf of temporary wetland buffer impact. Mr. Poulin reviewed plans for stormwater drainage (including two subsurface gravel wetlands) and noted that since the site is near a class A waterbody (Mallego Brook) measures will be taken to remove any pollutants from the drainage. Mr. Berry mentioned that much of the roof runoff will be captured and used internally. Paul asked where recharge to the existing wetlands will come from and he inquired about monitoring of the wetland to assure that it continues to function. Mr. Berry stated that recharge would come from an existing pond which will flow into the wetland, and he feels that the wetland can be monitored by observation on an annual basis. Doug questioned if monitoring is required for the discharge into Mallego. Mr. Berry stated that the state does not require monitoring because of the improved technologies being used to control for pollution. Paul explained the wetland buffer assessment being trialed, and using this method it seems that the wetland buffer in question has value, and it suggests a 30-40 foot buffer be applied. Paul pointed out that in the past it's been point impacts that have been covered, and he commented that this is a large area of wetland buffer being impinged. Ken suggested a memo to the PB stating that the buffer assessment method being trialed shows the wetland has value and suggests a 30-40' buffer. However, the CC recognizes the effort that has been made to mitigate the impingement, and the CC recognizes the respect shown for the conservation land. Memo comments would also include a request for monitoring of the wetland to assure that it continues to function. Gary suggested requesting analysis of the effluent from the CNC manufacturing process to ensure that there is no resulting pollution.

Public Concerns

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION
CC members wished Anne a happy 90th birthday. Ken and the CC commended Anne for her service to the Conservation Commission (starting in 1999), as well as her work leading hikes with the Trail's Committee and her work with the Natural Heritage group in town. Congratulations and many thanks Anne.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Lands Committee, Trails Committee, Lake Associations
- B. Isinglass River, Oyster River, and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees.

Purple finches, pine siskins, crossbills, red-breasted nuthatches, bluebirds, a pileated woodpecker, and a flock of grackles were some of the birds mentioned for **sightings**. Gary participated in the Backyard Bird Count and observed twenty bird species. Also sighted were

rabbits, red squirrels, and a fox.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Lenzi