

Barrington Conservation Commission
March 14, 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
Jack Gale, Vice Chair/Treasurer
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Paul Panish
Anne Melvin, alternate (via remote)

ABSENT

Gary Imbrie
Ken Grossman
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 March 14, 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 22, 2024 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale) Interest of \$1492.06: balance of \$551,268.17.

Guest: Steve Hobbs to observe

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- **Expenditures** A witch hazel has been approved as a county champion big tree. Jack Gale made a motion to expend \$20.00 for purchase of a new big tree sign. Paul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Jack Gale made a motion for an amount not to exceed \$270.00 to purchase animal waste signs. Paul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor. These signs will go on trail head kiosks.

Jack Gale made a motion to pay the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission dues of \$525.00. Paul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

Jack Gale made a motion to purchase three turtle crossing signs for an amount not to exceed \$200.00

Paul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.

- Bedford parcels SELT will be closing on an easement on three separate tracts that add up to nearly 160 acres. In addition to these tracts, SELT is discussing protection of the Bedford's land adjacent to and surrounding Ayers Pond.
- CC approval for TIF district CC members unanimously supported the inclusion of the open space in the TIF district and the purchase of the land. Doug will sign off on this and write a memo to the SB.
- Richardson Pond Eco Study A contract for just under \$15,000.00 has been put together with Mark West. Doug has submitted this to Conner.
- Young Road project Doug shared that at the recent PB meeting it was discussed how to oversee the open space. It was proposed to have a portion of the open space homeowner managed with the remaining portion held by the town. Run off and potential pollution continues to be concerns. The amount of paved area would require an alteration of terrain from the state. Paul expressed concern that the development as presented doesn't meet the standards or spirit of a conservation subdivision design, and Ken Grossman is proposing that the CC formally oppose the development as submitted. This can be discussed at a future meeting.
- Monitoring Doug has talked with the new owners of the Schulz/Legere property (Brewster Road) and reviewed the easement with them. He has been answering residents' inquiries regarding what are the public and private easements on the property. The owner(s) expressed concerns with the public going into or near the field where horses will be kept, and they have posted this property.
- Gerrior Rd. re-design
- Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest
- Lands Use Committee lots Rob brought up a recommendation from the Lands Use Committee that the town owned lot off 125 (bordering the ATRH truck lot) be conserved since it is next to SATWaSR. The Lands Use Committee has been discussing what to do with the superfund site on Tibbetts Road, and one suggestion, among others, is to offer it for sale to abutters.

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

269-2-RC-24-3 Lots (Owner: Robert Diberto) Following review, CC members have no concerns with this project as presented.

Public Concerns

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Lands Committee, Trails Committee, *An eclipse viewing hike is scheduled for 4/8, 2:00, at Stonehouse Pond.*
Lake Associations
- B. Isinglass River, Oyster River, and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees.

Sightings included flocks of grackles, red-winged blackbirds, mergansers, loons, an opossum, mourning cloak butterflies, and the scat of bear and bobcat. Rob said that avian influenza is picking up again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi