

**Barrington Conservation Commission
December 3, 2020 7:00 PM**

Ken Grossman as Chair of the Barrington Conservation Commission, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this commission is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are *providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:*

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We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the commission have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting as well.

For further security there will be a "waiting room" allow the chair to control entry.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Charlie Briggs
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Anne Melvin, alternate
Dan (Cass) Cassidy
Jack Gale, alternate
John Wallace, alternate
Dan Ayer
Jenny Stuart, alternate

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate

CALL TO ORDER Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of December 3, 2020 to order at 7:02.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above.

Guests: Duane Hyde, SELT; Todd and Sarah Calitri (land sale)

Approval of the November 19, 2020 meeting minutes Charlie Briggs made motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2020 as amended. Dan Ayer seconded the motion, which passed four (4) to zero (0). Dan Ayer abstained from voting.

Treasurer's Report (Charlie Briggs) Charlie reported there were no changes for November.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- **PB- 121-28-GR-20-SR (Owner: Mr. Todd Green-Barrington Shores, LLC)** The CC was informed that John Huckins made a decision that a conditional use permit would be required because the applicants were adding to a non conforming lot. This permit should come back before the CC.
- **PB- 236-4-GR-20-SR (Owner: Sunset Rock LLC) (Continued)** It has been determined that the proposed expansion is 500' from a well for Dover and, as an abutter, Dover is raising concerns. DES will determine possible impacts to the well.
- **PB- 238-36-V-20-SR (Owner: Waldron B. Haley Revoc Trust)-Continued until December 15th** It was mentioned that the state will be reviewing and making a determination on concerns previously raised by the CC (location of septic systems and stormwater runoff).
- **Leighton Forest Easement** Duane Hyde explained where the acquisition of the Leighton Forest (407 acres) is at this time. He is requesting that the BCC recommend to the Select Board that the town of Barrington hold the easement on the portion of the property in Barrington (approx. 286 acres). SELT will be the owner of the property and has received money from LCHIP, Moose Plate, ARM, Great Bay Partnership, the town of Strafford, and private foundations. The phase I site assessment and title work has been completed, and a boundary survey is underway. Duane explained that LCHIP and ARM grants tend to work best when a 3rd party is holding the easement. The easement would allow for forest management and would require that the land be open for public access and hunting. SELT would provide a baseline documentation report. Annual monitoring would be the town's responsibility. There is a plan to have a small parking area off Province Road. There will be a (noticed meeting) site visit on Dec. 15th at 1:00 (38 Province Road). There was a suggestion that the usual stewardship fee/donation associated with holding an easement be waived.
- **Property Sale** Todd and Sarah Calitri explained that they are abutters to a property (.67 acre New Bow Lake Road) that was put up for sale by the town. The asking price was \$25,000, which the Calitris felt was too high. Dan explained that the posted prices for land sales are related to the amount owed on back taxes. The Calitris are now hoping to buy the lot at auction for less than \$25,000. They are questioning if it is a buildable lot and stated that they would rather see it in conservation. Anne mentioned that the Isinglass River Local Advisory Committee would not be in favor of this lot being developed due to disturbance during construction and its proximity to the Isinglass. There was discussion about the process of selling town owned lots for back taxes, and Sarah Calitri said she felt the asking price should have been negotiated. Members of the CC explained that it was their prior understanding that the lots for sale would be joined to existing lots and therefore not buildable. For future planning, knowing there is the possibility of lots being auctioned as stand alone lots, the CC would like to more closely study the lots for sale and review how they show on the co occurrence map, Dan said sale offers could be made to the Select Board. In closing, John suggested that if the Calitris end up buying the lot they could possibly donate a conservation easement to the town.
- **Mobile home sale** The CC had no objections to the sale of a mobile home in Pumpkin Hollow to the Mobile Home Park. Ken will pass this decision on to the SB. There is no land involved.
- **Sale of Lot in Cedar Creek** This lot will go up for auction as no abutter has arranged for purchase. It was noted that the lot abuts Rivers Edge Conservation Area. Ken will pass on to the SB that the CC has no objection to the sale of this lot.
- **BCC website** Jack reviewed the options for managing the website (minutes of Nov. 19 2020) and said he and Glen Gould recommend option 3. With option 3 the CC would keep control of the website. There was discussion how this would be paid for, and John reminded the group that close to \$1500 would be coming to the CC from the sale of the trail booklets. **Cass C. made a motion to adopt option 3 (Sharpworks Design revision and hosting by Marsha Hatch to the BCC branding and design. One time fee: \$2000, \$100 annually) for the revision of the website as proposed by Jack. Dan Ayer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** John proposed that the annual cost come out of the budget, not out of the Conservation Fund. Ken will discuss this with Marcia.
- **Richardson Dam**
- **Panish Easement** The closing will be scheduled soon. It might be necessary to apply for an extension for the Great Bay Land Protection Partnership grant. John will deal with this.
- **Trails Booklet**
- **Easement Monitoring Subcommittee** Ken informed the members that the CC can have subcommittees which meet without notification, but they must then report all discussion back to the CC.
- **Memorandum of Agreement** The Select Board has approved the MoA as submitted by the CC. (minutes of Nov. 19, 2020)

Public Concerns

SELECT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ONGOING PROJECTS FOR 2020

- A)** Meeting with Lakes Associations
- B)** Natural Resource Inventory accessibility
- C)** Easements (Dolmat) John reported that the paperwork for all easements has been completed, except for Newhall and Dolmat.

OTHER PROJECTS

forest management for SATWaSR

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sightings mentioned were hawks, a kingfisher, an otter, an unusual number of mallards, a blue headed mallard, hooded mergansers and, out of town, a gray fox and a bald eagle.

Doug Bogen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi