

**Barrington Conservation Commission
January 25, 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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Conference ID: 666 455 706#

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bogen, Chair
Gary Imbrie
Paul Panish
Jack Gale, Vice Chair/Treasurer
Ken Grossman
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Dan Cassidy, alternate (via remote)
Anne Melvin, alternate

ABSENT

Scott Heron, alternate
Charlie Tatham, alternate
Jenny Stuart, alternate

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Doug Bogen called the meeting of January 25, 2024 to order at 7:00.

Delegation of voting members Chair Doug Bogen confirmed the presence of members as above.

Minutes review and approval The minutes of January 11, 2024 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale) At year end, interest was \$1,318.29 and the balance was \$501,905.69.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- **Wetland buffer analysis – GIS training** Paul shared the application (below) for the UNH consulting program Connect to Protect. This program could help the CC to implement the Wetland Permit Planning tool as developed by Marc Jacobs and the CC.

2024 Connect to Protect Technical Assistance Application

Members of the *Connect to Protect* team are available to collaborate with municipalities and conservation organizations to support use of the 2021 *NH Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan* in conservation planning and land protection. Assistance is available between March and December 2024.

Two rounds for applications:

- 1) Round 1: Applications due Friday, February 2, 2024
- 2) Round 2: Applications due Friday, May 31, 2024

Please complete ONE application form per community/organization and fill in the information below in consultation with the members of your group who are planning to participate in project.

If you are applying as a municipality, the application should have input from at least 2 to 3 members of your board/commission (also can include staff). If you are applying as a conservation organization, the application should include at least ONE staff member.

Municipality or Organization Name Barrington Conservation Commission

Please share the names, roles (e.g., conservation commission member, town planner, land trust board member, etc.), and email addresses for the main contacts for this project. This application should reflect the combined input of the group.

	Participant Information		
	Name	Role	Email Address
Primary Contact Person	Doug Bogen	Chair, BCC	dbogen@metrocast.net
Participant #2	Paul W Panish	Commissioner, BCC	ppanish@panishnet.com
Participant #3 (if applicable)	Vanessa Price		
Participant #4 (if applicable)			
Participant #5 (if applicable)			

What current priority or challenge is your community working on that could be addressed by collaborating with the Connect to Protect team?

(1- 2 sentences is all we need)

The BCC is in the process of developing and evaluating a method to quantitatively evaluate the impact of wetland buffer impingement. The method has been developed in conjunction with a Wetland Scientist Consultant, and make use of two GIS services, the Wetland Permit Planning Tool (WPPT) from NHDES, and GranitView, developed by UNH. A problem with the method developed is that because we do not have the expertise to integrate proposed development mapping with these tools, we are unable to determine with sufficient accuracy the extent of impingement on wetlands buffers.

Please select which activity (or activities) your community/organization would be most interested in working on, with assistance from the Connect to Protect Outreach Team.

- ☐ Developing a presentation and discussion prompts for a key group (e.g., municipal board/department or land trust board)
- ☒ Developing a new planning tool (e.g., parcel evaluation checklist)
- ☐ Supporting inclusion of the Coastal Plan into planning efforts (e.g., master plan/comprehensive plan, open space plan)
- ☐ Refining a map to assist with planning or a grant application
- ☒ Updating layers on a community GIS portal

- ☒ Updating conservation lands info on GRANIT
- ☐ Connecting you with other resources
- ☐ Other (please describe) _____

Please provide any additional details regarding the assistance you need, the activities you hope to work on together, and what you hope to accomplish.

The BCC is seeking funding and assistance to obtain the GIS training and

skills to ensure that the Wetland Assessment Method described above

would provide spatial resolution results accurate enough to be used in

to provide guidance to support decisions on Special Use Permit Applications

to the Town Planning Board.

How will this build on past or ongoing work? (1-2 sentences is fine)

The BCC, has contracted for, and received, the “Barrington Wetland Assessment

Method” from Marc Jacobs, Certified Wetland & Soil Scientist. We are currently

in an evaluation phase to determine the feasibility and ease with which this tool

can be applied by the BCC to advise the Barrington Planning Board in its decision

on applications by builders, developers, and homeowners, for wetland buffer reductions.

Is there a timeframe during 2024 that would work best for your group? The Connect to Protect team anticipates working with each group for approximately a 3-4 month window during the year, and this window can be flexible based on what works best for your community/organization.

The intent of this work is to propose a modification to the Town Zoning Ordinance

which would potentially require applicants for Special Use Permits to go through

this evaluation process if the result of the trial period support it. We expect a few

iterations will be necessary before we can stabilize the method and results. For this

reason we would like to work on modifications as soon as possible in order to have

results in time for the 2025 Town Meeting Warrant. This would require work to

be completed in the October/November 2024 timeframe.

- Coot Farm [243,244&230-MultiLots-23-Design \(Owner: Carla Williams\)](#)
- Gerrior Rd. re-design [260&268-MultiLots-23-Design \(Owner: JE Development, LLC\)](#)
- Young Road project
- Monitoring Schulz-Legere Gary will contact the new owner(s) and provide a copy of the easement. The Gerrior easement was completed in January.
- Richardson Dam funding and Eco study Marc West will attend the Feb 8th CC meeting to present a proposal for an environmental study. It is anticipated that two studies will be done, one to look at wildlife and plants and another to look at what could happen to the wetland if the dam were breached.
- Dudzik land conservation Doug stated that the Swains Lake Village District has received additional grant money to put toward the land purchase.
- Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest Paul will bring this up at the upcoming Lands Committee meeting.

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

265-1A-RC-24-SR (Owner: Martin & Jacquelyn Burby) This is a change of use for an existing building. Following review the CC had no comment.

108-1-GR/HCO-24-3Lots (Owner: Carolyn Bedford Revoc Tr Trustee Hilary Parkhurst) Ayers Lake Campground. This proposal is requesting one property to be divided into three properties, with no new driveways proposed at this time. Dan brought up the Ayers Lake Association concern that the septic system(s) for the 10 cabins is not valid. The septic system issue would come up with any future subdivision plans, but the CC had no comment on the plans as currently presented. If/when any development comes in the future, the CC would review the plans.

Public Concerns

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Lots of juncos and a red fox were reported as **sightings**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi