

Barrington Conservation Commission
October 13, 2022 7:00 p.m. NOTE NEW START TIME
IN PERSON LOCATION: Town of Barrington (NEW TOWN HALL)
4 Signature Drive (1/4 mile North of the Old Town Hall)
Barrington, NH 03825

Ken Grossman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Anne Melvin, alternate
Dan Cassidy
Gary Imbrie, alternate
Jack Gale, Treasurer

ABSENT

Jenny Stuart
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Scott Heron, alternate
Charlie Tatham, alternate

Guests: Paul Panish to observe

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Ken Grossman called the meeting of October 13, 2022 to order at 7:00.

Delegation of voting members Chair Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above with Anne serving as a voting member.

Minutes review and approval The minutes of September 22, 2022 were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale)

PREVIOUS BALANCE \$360,984.44
Interest \$352.75
CURRENT BALANCE. \$361,337.19

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- **Engineering plan for Richardson Dam** Connor passed along the proposal from engineering firm CMA showing what would be covered in the engineering contract for the dam. The estimated fee for the design scope is \$50,000 and includes conceptual design, preliminary design and final design, permitting, and contract documents and bidding. Dan Cassidy stressed that the plans should show the dam height as less than six feet. The SB is looking to have a proposal for the dam on a warrant article

in March. **Jack Gale made a motion to authorize payment for the design scope fee for CMA Engineers Task Order 20. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. (\$50,000 approved, minutes of 9/8/22)**

- Wetland Buffers Ken shared a page from the Kingston, NH zoning overlay which outlines a point system for grading wetland buffers. Doug brought up the importance of adding water supply as a function/value. A point system such as this could give guidance to the PB when determining the granting of a special use permit. Ken proposed working with PB member John Driscoll to make plans to move forward with developing a point based wetland buffer ordinance. Commission members support this.
- Trail Booklets **Dan Cassidy made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 for the printing of more trail books. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- Cuccia Asphalt (Route 4) site visit (follow up to CC minutes of Sept. 22, 2022) Paul Panish and Ken attended the PB site visit, and Paul commented that there is significant buffer impingement and the berm blocks water flow. Recognizing that feasibility enters into decisions on how to deal with violations, Ken reiterated that restoration should be considered. Ken will put this in a memo to town planner Vanessa.
- Guptill development Ken reported that road agent Marc Moreau is pleased with the plans presented as the anticipated work should help control the drainage problem on Mallego Road. The developer verbally agreed to a five car parking area off Mallego Road for trail parking. Ken learned of a plan, currently practiced in Rye, that requires the hiring of an easement monitor written into the homeowner's deed. This could also include monitoring of the retention pond. Ken will ask Vanessa to contact Rye for more information on this.
- Capital Improvements
- Master Plan Doug reported that the survey should be ready for participation very soon.
- Monitoring Boraduvchuk was monitored. Dan, Gary, Paul, and Jack will monitor Brazen Hill and include trail updates from Jack.
- Thibideau (minutes of 9/22/22) The PB still considering this.
Ken left the meeting at 8:18 and returned at 8:22. Doug served as Chair in the interim.
- New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions **Jack Gale made a motion to pay \$525.00 to NHACC for yearly membership dues. Dan Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**
- Landry/Mt. Misery Project Contribution (SELT) The SB has approved the \$100,000 allocated by the CC toward the Landry easement project. Jack will be in touch with Duane Hyde (SELT) to find out when the money should be transferred.
- Members discussed having an information table at voting on 11/8. Jack will help facilitate this.

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

238-2TC-22-SR (Owner: Elfmade Property, LLC) Doug mentioned that access to a historical trail (old railroad bed) passes through the property. Ken will put a note to Vanessa requesting that the developer be mindful of access to the trail when installing the fence.

234-25.1-V-22-Design (Owners: TSB Construction, LLC) The CC had no comments at this time.

260-13&14-GR-22-2lot/LL (Owners: Christine & Wayne Richard, Tr of Richard Family Tr) Members had no concerns with the plans as presented.

Public Concerns

- Knotweed Dan mentioned a resident on Brooks Road had concerns about the spraying of knotweed. Dan will pass along to the resident that information on the knotweed eradication is available on the town's website.

- Logging on Newhall A resident had safety concerns with the logging being done on the Newhall easement. Ken responded that the work was approved; he will alert forester Mr. Leighton to the resident's concerns.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Lands Committee, Trails Committee The trails committee will be requesting help from Liberty Mutual for the task of mechanical knotweed pulling. Nature Groupie is another possibility for help with this job. Paul and Jack discussed creating a loop trail in the Goodwill extension. Lake Associations
- B. Isinglass River, Oyster River and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees.

Sightings included a woodfrog, hermit thrushes, a heron, and evidence of bears.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi