

**Barrington Conservation Commission**  
**April 14, 2022 7:00 p.m.**  
**IN PERSON LOCATION: Early Childhood Learning Center**  
**77 Ramsdell Lane**  
**Barrington, NH 03825**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ken Grossman, Chairman  
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair  
Jack Gale, Treasurer  
Dan Cassidy  
Anne Melvin, alternate (via zoom)  
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison  
Scott Heron, alternate

**ABSENT**

Charlie Tatham, alternate  
Jenny Stuart  
Gary Imbrie, alternate

**Call to order** Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Ken Grossman called the meeting of April 14, 2022 to order at 7:05.

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

**Approval of the March 24, 2022 minutes** The minutes of March 24, 2022 were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report** (Jack Gale)

Interest of \$9.04. The March balance is \$117,869.25.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

- **Bee hive** The parent of a homeschooler has contacted Ken inquiring about installing a bee hive to attract wild honeybees at Goodwill. (Perhaps Pooh Bear is a party to this?) CC members had questions about the placement of such a hive and the possibility that this could set a precedent for other "installations" on easements. Ken will check with SELT regarding the approval of such a project, and he will send the parent an email requesting that he/she come to a CC meeting to explain the project and answer questions.
- **Ayer's Lake Draft proposal** Dan shared a proposal to address environmental and safety issues along Daniel Cater Road. He explained that deficiencies in the road lead to erosion and pollution as well as parking and safety issues at the (unofficial) boat launch. The current launch site does not fall under state regulation as it is owned by the town, and the town has complete control of the access. The state has mentioned the possibility of reopening the previous launch at the dam (now gated), but this would necessitate dealing with right of way issues. Dan will revise the proposal to clearly address access, safety and pollution concerns; the Ayers Lake Association would like CC and SB endorsement of the revised proposal following review.

- Expansion of Round Pond Ken discussed the Round Pond Expansion with Conner, and Ken came away with the understanding that it is DES, not the city of Rochester, that is promoting the water level rise on the pond. DES feels that the construction of a dam and subsequent water level rise will help even out the flow on the Isinglass and Berry River. Ken also stated that Rochester no longer wants to take property by eminent domain or sale, but rather is considering building a retaining wall on private properties affected by water rise.
- Fred Knecht project Ken shared that SELT is interested in conserving Mr. Knecht's property and is now working with him to achieve an easement. CC involvement will be with associated costs attached to conservation.
- By-Laws and MoA The CC hopes to meet with the SB in the future for review of by-laws and MoA.
- Wetlands and buffers Ken met with Town Planner Vanessa and expressed the desire of the CC to meet with the PB to set up a committee for work on a values based wetland buffer ordinance.
- Master Plan Vanessa knows that the CC would like to be involved with working on the master plan. CC members will discuss Master Plan chapter 4 at a future meeting.
- Richardson Dam Doug said that Conner has signed the DES paperwork and it is now going to the Executive Council. The anticipated grant amount is \$166,000. There will be a stakeholder (SELT, Town of Barrington, engineering firm) meeting on May 5th for review of the dam design. Ken stated that there is a possibility of obtaining more funding to cover the costs of the dam or conservation projects either through a direct vote at the 2023 town meeting or through bonding.
- SATWASR gate and Turtle signs Doug Bogen (Scruton Pond Road) and Pat Lenzi (Young Road) can put up and take down the turtle signs. The SATWaSR gates are closed.
- Turbocam monitoring Dan and Jack will do this easement monitoring.

## **CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD**

### **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.

**Sightings** Spring has brought out the bears (two adults and a cub) and birds (ring-neck ducks, buffleheads, hooded mergansers, common mergansers, loons, broad-winged hawks, a hermit thrush, and yellow-bellied sapsuckers). Also mentioned were a fox, turtles, wood frogs, peepers, and ticks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi