

Barrington Conservation Commission
September 22, 2022 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

Ken Grossman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Jenny Stuart
Anne Melvin, alternate
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Gary Imbrie, alternate
Jack Gale, Treasurer

ABSENT

Dan Cassidy
Scott Heron, alternate
Charlie Tatham, alternate

Guests: Paul Panish to observe; Sue Morrison, abutter to Thibideau; James Long representing Joe Falzone (Guptill); Dan Ayer, abutter to Heather Cooper

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Ken Grossman called the meeting of September 22, 2022 to order at 7:01.

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 8, 2022 were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale)

Previous Balance	\$ 360,754.57
Interest	\$ 229.87
Current Balance	\$360,984.44

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Review of Guptill Site walk and meeting with developer Mr. Long reviewed the plans for the Guptill conservation subdivision which has approximately 30 acres of open space. He mentioned that there would be no wetland impact and stated there is a plan to have storm water runoff go into a retention pond which would alleviate a water problem on Mallego Road. Doug had a question about the placement of the retention pond, who would control/manage it, and if it is part of the easement. Mr. Long stated that this is under discussion. It was pointed out that the slope by the right of way will have to be cut back to mitigate any erosion. Members discussed the relocation of the existing snowmobile trail and questioned if noise from the snowmobiles would be a problem. Jenny suggested the use of native plantings as a buffer area to lessen the noise. Also discussed was where public access and parking for trails might be located. Ken's note to the PB will mention the above issues and also raise the question of who will be the easement holder. It was noted that there is often a problem with homeowners assuming the easement, as frequently the HO associations ceases to exist.
- Review of Thibodeau site walk The plans as presented show an impact to the wetland buffer. Sue Morrison, an abutter, expressed her concerns with the buffer impact and wondered if it would be advisable to take out one of the (six) proposed structures and thus allow the road to be moved. Jenny recommended a native shrub border to help control erosion, and Paul mentioned that the plans show control methods for invasives. Ken will write a note to the PB requesting that if the buffer is impacted it be done with care, and also asking if there is a possibility of changing the plans so that the buffer is not impacted.
- Landry/Mt. Misery Project Contribution (SELT) The amount the CC approved as a contribution to the Landry project (\$100,000) necessitates that the CC recommend to the SB that the town take an executory interest for the easement. **Jenny Stuart made a motion to recommend that the SB approve the town taking an executory interest for the Landry easement. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously five (5) to zero (0) with a roll call vote. Grossman – aye, Bogen – aye, Stuart – aye, Melvin – aye, Gale – aye.** This will come before the SB on October 3.
- Capital Improvements Ken shared the narratives he wrote to explain the needs for the capital improvement requests. The requests included: beginning a fund to help the CC acquire easements; funding for the Richardson Dam project; an assessment of current and potential new conserved areas with projected costs for improvements and maintenance of the areas; having a member of the professional planning staff to work in the planning office (possibly part time) to give support to the CC and coordinate between the CC and planning office.
- Master Plan Doug reported that the master plan group is working on putting together a public survey.
- Monitoring Gary, John Wallace, and other interested folks will monitor the Boraduvchuk easement on Tuesday, the 27th, at 12:00.
- Jack's request for expenditure to rectify computer problem Jack explained that he has been dealing with a computer problem that prevents him from accessing the CC website to update and manage the site. **Jack Gale made a motion to expend not more than \$500.00 to compensate Smart Works and Marcia Hatch for helping him remedy the computer problem. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a roll call vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Grossman – aye, Bogen – aye, Melvin – aye, Stuart – aye, Gale – aye.**

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

223-9-GR/SDA-22-3LotsSub (Owners: Gibb Family Trust) Ken will write a memo to the PB making note of the abutters request for a wildlife inventory.

269-11.1-RC-22-SR (Owner: Heather Cooper) Members commented that this appears to be a request to validate, using a special use permit, an existing use that was never approved. Concerns were: pollutants from vehicles having runoff close to a wetland with no containment shown for spillage, the berm being too close to the wetland, no drainage provided to alleviate water runoff issues, and Dan Ayer stated that existing structures are not shown on the plans, and the buffer has been violated. It was noted that the plans do not offer any work to remediate the

problems. It was suggested that the PB should have more information and do a site walk. Ken will write this up for a note to the PB.

Public Concerns

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Lands Committee, There continues to be discussion about expanding the town forest by purchasing abutting parcels. Also mentioned was the stewardship plan for the town owned land behind the town barn. Trails Committee, Lake Associations
- B. Isinglass River, Oyster River and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees.

Sightings included turkeys, bluebirds, evidence of a busy beaver, a hissing deer, an angry squirrel, and a snapping turtle,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi