

Barrington Conservation Commission

April 13, 2023, 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
Gary Imbrie, alternate (pending reappointment)
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Paul Panish, alternate (pending reappointment)
Jack Gale, Treasurer
Dan Cassidy
Scott Heron, alternate

ABSENT

Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Anne Melvin, alternate
Charlie Tatham, alternate (pending reappointment)
Jenny Stuart

Guest: Ron St. Jean (via Zoom)

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Ken Grossman called the meeting of April 13, 2023 to order at 7:00..

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

Minutes review and approval The minutes of February 23, 2023 were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale)

\$924.32 in interest with a balance of \$430,810.15.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- **Spraying for knotweed eradication** Ron St. Jean asked for clarification on what precautions were being taken to prevent herbicide from getting into Ayers Lake following the spraying for knotweed. Jack stated that he recalled that at the informational meeting on spraying it was mentioned that a different chemical would be used near waterbodies. Ken brought up smothering is an alternative method of eradication, but this method is labor intensive and takes a number of years to for success. Dan will contact Marc Moreau for more information and get back to the Ayers Lake Association.
- **Election of Officers** Dan has submitted paperwork to become an alternate, and Gary has submitted the paperwork to become a full member. **Dan nominated Jack Gale as treasurer. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Grossman - yes, Heron - yes,**

Gale – yes, Cassidy - yes. Nominations and voting for Chair and Vice chair will be done at a future meeting.

- Mt. Misery Easement (Nippo) Discharge of Mortgage In order for SELT to obtain the easement on the Landry property the mortgage needs to be discharged. **Ken made a motion for approval for the CC Chairman to sign the discharge, conditonal on the Town Administrator saying that the town's attorneys are satisfied that all legalities are met. Dan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Grossman – yes, Heron – yes, Cassidy – yes, Gale – yes.**
- Eversource tree trimming on Old Settlers Rd (Scenic Road) and Canaan Back Road (Scenic Road) Tree trimming on scenic roads must have CC approval. The CC has no objection to these trimmings, and Ken signed the approvals.
- White Mountain Knives 103 & 105 Isinglass Circle (incubator spaces) There is a request for retail sale to be held out of storage units. Ken will write to the PB asking if there are any physical changes being proposed.
- Union Lake Orchard CC members reviewed the proposal and had no comments.
- Winkley Pond business on Winkley Pond Road The proposal is for a new 4 unit and new 2 unit building with the conversion of an existing barn into a residence, for a total of 7 dwelling units. Following review of the plans the CC had no comment.
- Tree stand permits The requests for tree stand permits (SATWaSR) from Stephen and Philip Treadwell were approved and signed.
- Young Road project Ken said that he had shared with the PB the concerns (impact to a wildlife corridor, runoff, steep slopes, impact for the view for walkers on the Goodwill Trail) the CC had with the development as proposed. It was suggested to the developer that the project be revised with fewer houses. The PB has continued a review to May.
- Wetland Buffer Project This has been an ongoing plan to establish a functions based wetland ordinance, and the PB is supporting this effort. The PB has asked for a scope of work and to know how the consultant will be paid. It has been agreed to pay consultant Mark Jacobs \$4500, and the PB and CC have agreed to split this cost. **Ken Grossman made a motion to pay up to \$2250 for payment to the consultant, pending approval of the PB. Dan seconded the motion, which passed uananimously with a roll call vote. Grossman – yes, Cassidy – yes, Gale – yes, Heron – yes.**
- Richardson Dam Ken will be arranging a meeting with soil/wetland scientist Marc West and Conner to discuss the feasibility of breeching the dam.
- Master Plan Kudos to Gary for helping with the Master Plan by compiling a very detailed listing of conserved lands.
- Monitoring More thanks to Gary for providing an easement monitoring schedule, and thanks to Dan for all the monitoring he has done in the past couple of years.
- Trails committee Jack said the Trails Committe is coming up with ideas for the bear project.

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 mentioned were of a great blue heron on nest, a woodchuck, a beaver, frog eggs, a porcupine, a feral cat, loons on lakes, and a report of a bobcat in the vicinity of Young Road. Heard but not seen were wood frogs and peepers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Lenzi