

**Barrington Conservation Commission**  
**April 27, 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

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**Barrington Conservation Commission Meeting – Virtual Access**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Doug Bogen, Vice Chair  
Gary Imbrie  
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison  
Paul Panish, (pending reappointment)  
Jack Gale, Treasurer

**ABSENT**

Ken Grossman, Chairman  
Dan Cassidy, alternate  
Anne Melvin, alternate  
Charlie Tatham, alternate (pending reappointment)  
Jenny Stuart, alternate  
Scott Heron, alternate

**Guests:** Robert Barish, Kevin Fitzgerald

**Call to order** Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Vice Chair Doug Bogen called the meeting of April 27, 2023 to order at 7:02..

**Delegation of voting members** Vice Chair Doug Bogen confirmed the presence of members as above with Doug, Jack, and Gary serving as voting members.

**Minutes review and approval** The minutes of April 13, 2023 were accepted as read.

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

Interest for March was \$1,060.41. With the LUCT transfer, the balance is \$451,760.56

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

- Trees down on Isinglass River Bob Barish, 578 Scruton Pond Road (abuts Calef Preserve), told CC members that a number of trees have come down over the winter. Two large trees on Calef Preserve are across the Isinglass, and he is concerned that these trees, as well as others that are down, could cause a log jam of debris in the future. Mr. Barish requested that the CC take a look at the trees to determine if they should be moved/cut or left as is. The Preserve is scheduled to be monitored on May 12 (9:00 AM), and Gary and other easement monitors will look at the trees then. Mr. Barish gave members permission to cross his property to access the river and he intends to join the members on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Nippo Lake development/ZBA variance Kevin Fitzgerald, a member of the Nippo Lake Association, brought two issues related to development around Nippo to the attention of the CC. One issue is logging (adjacent to the Landry property) currently going on, and Mr. Fitzgerald

expressed concern with the logging as this is a sensitive area with steep slopes in proximity to the pond. He also expressed frustration with the lack of communication as to 'what is going on'. He stated that DES is reviewing the cutting. Another issue raised by Mr. Fitzgerald is the possibility of a house going in on a very small lot at the end of Flower Drive. He wants the CC to be aware of this as it seems that there would be many variances required for this building to take place. It was mentioned that this would be construction on a private road.

- Election of Officers This can be covered at the next meeting.
- Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest CC members expressed interest in acquiring the lots and await more information from the Lands Committee.
- Spraying for knotweed eradication (minutes of 4-13-23)
- Young Road project The PB has requested a continuance to June for further review.
- Richardson Dam It is yet to be determined whether to remove the dam or rebuild. Paul brought up the possibility of using the dam for micro hydrology if it is rebuilt. He will do more research on stream flow, etc.
- Master Plan Doug expects it will be finalized in May.
- Monitoring The Ridge at Green Hill is almost done. The BMS easement is completed, and Boodey and Calef Preserve are to be done in the near future. White Crest has been monitored by John Wallace.
- Easement off Ross Road Jim Rivet (52 Ross Road) has expressed an interest in conserving approximately 40 acres which would, for a portion of the property line, abut Goodwill. Paul will have a conversation with Mr. Rivet regarding the possibility of an easement.

## **CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD**

No new cases

## **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** included a Cooper's Hawk and Hermit Thrush. Marsh marigold, bloodroot, and trailing arbutus are blooming. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds should arrive next week, and a Lone Star Tick was found on a MA deer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi