Barrington Conservation Commission Agenda May 25, 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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MEMBERS PRESENT Doug Bogen, Chairman

Ken Grossman

Gary Imbrie

Paul Panish

Jack Gale, Treasurer

Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison

Anne Melvin, alternate

ABSENT Dan Cassidy, alternate

Charlie Tatham, alternate Jenny Stuart, alternate Scott Heron, alternate

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Doug Bogen called the meeting of May 25, 2023 to order at 7:02.

<u>Delegation of voting members</u> Chair Doug Bogen confirmed the presence of members as above.

Minutes review and approval The minutes of May 11, 2023 were approved as read.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> (Jack Gale)

Interest of \$1060.41 and a balance of \$451,760.56.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- <u>Kindergarten visits to the Pooh Trail</u> The ECLC contacted Doug about kindergarten students visiting the Pooh Trail and while there learning about conservation and what the Conservation Commission does. John Wallace has been contacted to see if he is able to give the presentation.
- <u>Election of Officers</u> Ken Grossman nominated Jack Gale to be Vice Chair. Paul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in

favor. Jack accepted the position and will also continue to serve as Treasurer.

- Goals for 2023 Ideas for goals were: completion of the Richardson Dam project; complete the Landry property easement with SELT; work with the PB to develop a functions and values wetland guideline, and have it as a warrant article for a March 2024 vote; look into what is involved (costs, how it's done, who does it) in updating the prime wetlands map; look into expanding the Town Forest with two additional lots; coordinate with the Town on projects that encourage recreation; continue with ongoing activities such as monitoring easements, organizing data for easements, expanding and maintaining trails. In the discussion of goals a question came up about having an ADA accessible trail in town. Doug commented that SELT might already be looking into this.
- <u>Ken Dudzik conservation project</u> This is in process, and SELT, the town, and the Swains Water District has expressed an interest in this project.
- <u>Wetland buffer project</u> Marc Jacobs is scheduled to present his plan for the wetland buffer guideline on June 27th.
- Young Road project This will come before the PB next month.
- <u>Master Plan</u> The group has had a final meeting for the land use and transportation part of the plan.
- Monitoring Gary reported that the Barrington Middle School, Boodey, Dolmat, and Ridge at Green Hill easements have been done. Calef is still to be completed, and monitoring will start up again in September. Gary expressed concerns with infringements on the Dolmat easement from abutting properties, and he will look into how this should be dealth with. Gary will also review the easement for the Ridge at Green Hill to see what it says about the retention pond. Doug commented that close attention needs to be made about what is allowed in an easement. It was suggested that the CC request notification of cases that come to the ZBA.
- Richardson Pond Study
- Video recordings of meetings
- <u>Town Forest expansion</u> Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest There will be a Town Lands Committee site walk on the Town Forest and adjacent lots with the date TBD.
- <u>Guptill development</u> Town engineers expressed concern with the steep slopes in the proposed conserved land and they see this as a safety issue. Town engineers will be reviewing this.
- <u>Turtle signs</u> Ken will look into getting more turtle signs to replace the missing signs.

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

269-11.1-RC-23-AmendSR (Owner: Heather Cooper-Cuccia Asphalt) Paul suggested a site walk upon completion to verify work.

239-2-TYC-23-SREvent (Owners: 1962 Real Estate, LLC) The CC had no comment.
251-3,3.1,4 &4.1-GR-23-LL (Owners: S & S Hart Family Revocable Trust, Nicholas & Kristin Fitts, Michael & Susan Newsky Family Trust) this is a lot line readjustment. The CC had no comment.

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.

Again, birds figured prominently in sightings. Purple martins, rose- breasted grosbeaks, and baltimore orioles have all been sighted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52. Respectfully submitted, Pat Lenzi