

**Barrington Conservation Commission**

**October 12, 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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Conference ID: 666 455 706#

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Doug Bogen, Chair  
Jack Gale, Vice Chair/Treasurer  
Paul Panish  
Ken Grossman  
Gary Imbrie

**ABSENT**

Anne Melvin, alternate  
Dan Cassidy, alternate  
Scott Heron, alternate  
Charlie Tatham, alternate  
Jenny Stuart, alternate  
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison

**Call to order** Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Doug Bogen called the meeting of October 12, 2023 to order at 7:00.

**Delegation of voting members** Chair Doug Bogen confirmed the presence of members as above.

**Minutes review and approval** The minutes of September 14, 2023 were approved as read.

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

Interest of \$1482.03 bringing the balance to \$546,071.23.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

- Target practice/shooting on town lands Gary received an email from Christopher Fenerty, an abutter to SATWaSR. Mr. Fenerty has concerns that target practice is taking place on SATWaSR, and he was inquiring as to what could be done about this. The trails booklet clearly states that target practice is prohibited on town owned lands. Gary will check with Connor to see if there is a town ordinance that deals with this. Doug had a question about target shooting on the Turtle Brook Preserve (SELT Schultz land). He will check with Duane Hyde to find out what the SELT regulations are regarding target practice.
- NHACC membership/annual meeting **Jack Gale made a motion to pay the NACC (National Association of Conservation Commissions) the annual dues of \$525.00. Gary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- Wetland buffer project

- Dudzik land conservation Doug sent a letter of support for obtaining grants to Duane Hyde (SELT). At a future meeting there can be discussion of the CC possibly contributing financially to this project.
- Monitoring Gary reported that monitoring has been completed for Lake View Estates, Mendum's Landing, Newhall, Olsen, and Rivers Edge. Left to be done are Village Place and Whitney. There was discussion about the Lake View Estate easement and residents access to the lake (Nippo). The consensus of CC members was that the landowners should submit plans for trails/paths to the CC for review. Gary will share this with the landowners.
- Turtle crossing signs There is a sign missing on Scruton Pond Road, and Doug wondered if it had been picked up by the Highway Department. Jack suggested buying new signs to replace the two on Young Road and possibly one on Scruton Pond Road.
- Richardson Pond Study The Selectboard is considering putting out a warrant article for shared costs (town and CC) for the Richardson Dam. The Advisory Budget Committee has questioned why the CC would not cover the full cost for dam repair. Ken will meet with the ABC and explain the mission of the CC, the willingness of the CC to pay part of the cost, and why the CC paying for the entire project is not feasible.
- Young Road project The developer has submitted new plans to the PB; an environmental assessment has been done with no change in the number of house lots. CC members discussed approaching the Strafford Regional Planning Commission for input since it was noted that the area is within the Bellamy watershed. Also discussed was why there are no vernal pools noted on the plans. Paul will attend the PB meeting and bring up the question of vernal pools.
- Guptill/Mallego Road Development
- Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest Paul will be in touch with AJ (Lands Use Committee) to set up a walk with the CC.

## **CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD**

No new cases until October 18, 2023

### **Public Concerns**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Lands Committee, Trails Committee, Lake Associations Plans have been made for the bear event taking place on October 21<sup>st</sup>. This is in conjunction with the book The Bear.

B. Isinglass River Stream flow water testing was done on the Isinglass. Gary spoke with the testers and mentioned that this rainy year is not a true indication of typical low flow., Oyster River, and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees.

**Sightings** were a fisher, bear, and red-shouldered hawk. The bats seem to have departed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Lenzi