

Barrington Conservation Commission
September 14, 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, Chair
Jack Gale, Vice Chair/Treasurer
Paul Panish
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Anne Melvin, alternate
Dan Cassidy, alternate

ABSENT

Ken Grossman
Gary Imbrie
Scott Heron, alternate
Charlie Tatham, alternate
Jenny Stuart, alternate

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Doug Bogen called the meeting of September 14, 2023 to order at 7:00.

Delegation of voting members Chair Doug Bogen confirmed the presence of members as above with Anne and Dan serving as voting members.

Minutes review and approval The minutes of August 24, 2023 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale)

Interest of \$1447.71 and a balance of \$544,589.20.

Invited Guest: Dick Maier Swains Lake Water District

NEW BUSINESS /OLD BUSINESS

- **Swains Lake Water District & Dudzik land conservation** Mr. Maier gave a brief history of the water district (parcel # 122-0012), explaining that it started after toxic chemicals from a waste site were found to be impacting wells in the area of Hall/Tibbetts Road. The Water District now serves about 96 residences as well as the Barrington Shores Campground. The Water District would like to add the Dudzik property (256-0023, 256-0024, 256-0025 with a portion held out for house, 261-0084; 74.4 acres total to sell) to the current district parcel as an easement. With the help of SELT, the district is applying for a grant from NHDES (drinking water fund) to cover 50% of the property cost. Other grant money is being sought. The area would not be open to the public, but per the wishes of the Dudzik family it would be open to families on Shady Lane. It was the consensus of CC members to have Doug write a letter of support for the grant, and Doug will contact Duane Hyde (SELT) for more information.

- Bedford easement With the support of SELT, the Bedford family is working to conserve 83 acres (parcel #232-0005). It was noted that this property is part of the headwaters of the Bellamy River and scores high on the co-occurrence map. SELT is applying for LCHIP money and would be the easement holder. **Paul made a motion to submit Doug's letter of support for the grant money. Dan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 (five) to 0 (zero) in favor.**
- Landry easement review It is anticipated that there can be a closing on this in November. This easement will be open to the public so a parking lot will need to be put in.
- Wetland buffer project Paul reported that there is an upcoming meeting with the working group, and then the plan will be taken to planning board for review.
- Richardson Pond Study
- Monitoring
- Young Road project
- Guptill/Mallego Road Development
- Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest Paul will connect with AJ (Town Lands Committee) to see if a walk can be set up with Lands Committee and the CC.

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

206-15-1-GR-23-SR (Owners: Doug & Marsha Hatch) It was noted that no structures are being changed. The CC had no comment.

121-28-GR-23-SR (Owner: Todd Green-Barrington Shores, LLC) Members reviewed the plans and had no comment.

Calef solar project (Calef Country Store) There is an application for a conditional use permit to install two ground mounted solar trackers. Members reviewed the plans and had no comment.

Change of use site plan 1079 Calef Highway The request is to change the site to mixed use, but there is no physical change to the property. The proposal is to allow the garage to work on public vehicles. 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 Jack reported that a lot of work has been done on the south end of the Barrington Trail

B. Isinglass River, Oyster River and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees. Members expressed concern about the bridge being in the Isinglass River (Schulz/Legere property).

Sightings included many red eft salamanders and cardinals.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi