

**Barrington Conservation Commission  
October 26, 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, Chair  
Jack Gale, Vice Chair/Treasurer  
Paul Panish  
Ken Grossman  
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison

**ABSENT**

Gary Imbrie  
Anne Melvin, alternate  
Dan Cassidy, alternate  
Scott Heron, alternate  
Charlie Tatham, alternate  
Jenny Stuart, alternate

**Call to order** Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Doug Bogen called the meeting of October 26, 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 October 12, 2023 were approved as amended.

**Guests:** Duane Hyde, SELT. Dave Totty, Rick Patrie, Dick Maier of Swains Lake Village Water District

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

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter LUCT money \$51687.47, leaving a balance of \$597,758.70.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

- **Dudzik land purchase funding** Duane Hyde reviewed the area to be conserved noting that it is within the (SLVWD) well protection area which serves 96 homes (350 residents) as well as the Barrington Shores Campground. It is close to SATWaSR, is a focus for blanding turtles, has several vernal pools, scores high on the wildlife action plan, and is the headwaters of the Oyster River watershed. A portion of the property (1.8 acres) would be retained for the existing house, with the remaining 74.4 acres put into conservation. The land would remain open for hunting and walking, but there would be

no trails or parking provided. SELT would have no interest in the property as the Water District is a government entity and would own the property. The state, through the deed, would put stipulations requiring that the property be conserved. A grant has been applied for from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund to put toward the property purchase and associated costs (\$387,050) and the Swains Lake Village Water District (SLVWD) is looking for funding to cover the remaining costs (\$121,815). **Paul made a motion to fund \$65,000 toward the purchase of the Dudzik property, with the provision that the SLVWD come back to the CC if more funding is required. Jack Gale seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

- Deer stands and target shooting Duane Hyde stated that there is a new state law dealing with deer stands. No permission is needed from the landowner to put up a tree stand, but it is required that the stand be labeled with the hunter's name and contact information. If it is not labeled the landowner is not allowed to remove the stand, but Fish and Game could be contacted to remove it. The stand is to be taken down after hunting season. Duane shared that target practice is not allowed on any SELT land.
- Young Road project At the last Planning Board meeting Paul brought up the issue of vernal pools not being indicated on the plans. The PB will follow up on this. Paul will provide Ken with more information on legal issues relating to this project.
- Wetland buffer project On November 14<sup>th</sup> the plans for a function based wetland survey will go to the PB for a final review. The CC will be using the form to inform the PB, and the landowner will be invited to participate in the survey. The process will be in effect for a one year trial.
- Monitoring
- Turtle crossing signs Jack will look into ordering signs to replace those missing.
- Richardson Pond Study Ken attended an Advisory Budget Committee meeting to explain the CC's position on funding for the Richardson Dam. He feels it would be beneficial to have another conversation with the ABC. The Selectboard favors a split funding (town and CC sharing) for dam repair/replacement.
- Guptill/Mallego Road Development
- Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest It remains for the CC and Lands Use Committee to have a joint walk of the property.

### **CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD**

**220-48-RC-23-SR (Owner: Helen Cicchetto-Rochester)** Following review, the CC had no comment.

**223-26-58&59-RC-23-SR/LL (Owner: St Hilaire Holding, LLC)** The CC had no comment.

### **Public Concerns**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Lands Committee, Trails Committee A bridge has been built on Brazen Hill Farm. There was discussion about more benches being put up on trails, and there will be future talks about the possibility of having "dedicated" benches as a way to fund this., Lake Associations

B. Isinglass River, Oyster River, and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees.

**Sightings** mentioned were bats (hanging around for Halloween), mosquitoes and ticks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi