

**Barrington Conservation Commission
November 30, 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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Conference ID: 666 455 706#

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bogen, Chair
Jack Gale, Vice Chair/Treasurer
Paul Panish
Ken Grossman (via phone)
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Dan Cassidy, alternate

ABSENT

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

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Doug Bogen called the meeting of November 30, 2023 to order at 7:04.

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

Minutes review and approval The minutes of November 9, 2023 were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale) Balance is \$499,228.80

Jack Gale made a motion to spend no more than \$150.00 for a reimbursement to Jack for IT expenses. Paul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Guest: Linda Brushett (Nippo Lake Association)

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- **Richardson Dam** The state Dam Bureau has indicated that removing the dam would not be considered a wetland impact but rather a wetland restoration. Following discussion it

was decided that it would make sense to do an ecological study whether the dam is removed or not. Conditions could be put on the study to determine outcomes for both lowering the dam and removing the dam. The CC will need more information on the anticipated cost of doing the ecological study. Rob reported that the Selectboard is looking at options for a warrant article that would build capital reserve for dam repair.

- Young Road project Paul mentioned that it appears that the beaver dam (on Goodwill) has been partially deconstructed by someone. This abuts the Young Road project property. Paul suggested that a game camera could be set to monitor activity in the area and/or possibly signage put up to notify people that it is illegal to destroy or disturb a dam. Doug will check with SELT about this issue to see what they might recommend. Strafford Regional Planning Commission informed Doug that it would need to have a request from the PB to get involved in a review of the Young Road project. Doug forwarded this information along to the PB, noting that a request to SRPB would be to do a regional study.
- Monitoring
- Wetland buffer project The plan was reviewed at the PB meeting. There were questions about legalities and the wording on parts of the document. Paul reported that the PB is receptive to the plan being implemented on a trial basis with the understanding that acceptance of the plan would not be a warrant article this year. Ken will check with Joyce Cappiello (PB) about the legality of the purpose of the project, and Paul will talk with Mark Jacobs about the potential use of GIS.
- Dudzik land conservation
- Guptill/Mallego Road Development
- Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

253-14-GR/SDAO-23-SR (Owner: Hambone, LLC) Following review the CC had no comment.

112-38&39-GR-23-Design (Owners: John F & Christina Maiorino) Linda Brushett shared the concerns of the Nippo Lake Association regarding the proposed development. She pointed out that the site has shallow bedrock soil and sits on a steep slope with drainage going to the lake. The lot has been logged and Linda noted that this has caused noticeable drainage problems. In summary, Linda stated the major concerns mentioned were possible impacts to wetlands, the siting of houses on steep slopes, and drainage/erosion. Also mentioned was that streams should be noted on the map. It was suggested that with so many concerns the developer/property owner might want to consider another plan, including the possibility of a conservation development. Doug will put this in a memo to the PB.

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 coyote and migrating hawks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi