

**Barrington Conservation Commission
December 28, 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
Gary Imbrie
Paul Panish

ABSENT

Jack Gale, Vice Chair/Treasurer
Ken Grossman
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Dan Cassidy, alternate
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 December 28, 2023 to order at 7:01.

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

Minutes review and approval The minutes of November 30, 2023 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale) interest of \$1,358.60, brings the balance to \$500,587.40.

Guests: Phil and Karen Boodey, Patrick Boodey, Colin Williams, Mike and Susan Camire and approximately 9 more residents of Canaan Back Road and Old Settlers Road (regarding the proposed 243,244&230 Multi lot development); Darlene Ciriello (regarding the Dove Development project).

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Town Report: ConComm write up for Annual Town Report. Doug asked for member input on CC activities, needs and plans to put into the Annual Report. Gary will provide a summary of monitoring activities, and Doug will be finding photos to add to the report.
- Young Road project

- Richardson Dam funding and Eco study
- Monitoring
- Wetland buffer project
- Dudzik land conservation
- Purchase of lots 248-0001 and 248-0002 to expand Town Forest
- Guptill/Mallego Road Development
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CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

260&268-MultiLots-23-Design (Owner: JE Development, LLC) The plan is for the consolidation of lots. Members noted that some of the lots as shown on the plan are within an established easement, and the intent of what would be done with the lots once consolidated was not clear. Doug will note this in a memo to the PB.

243,244&230-MultiLots-23-Design (Owner: Carla Williams) Doug started the discussion by explaining the difference between a yield plan (how many 2 acre lots could be developed on a certain parcel) and a conservation subdivision, which clusters this target number of houses on smaller lots thus allowing for open space/easement on the remaining land. Much of the following discussion was about the accuracy of the yield plan shown, and CC members and guests questioned whether some of the 2 acre lots depicted on the yield plan were actually buildable lots. Mr. Williams stated that the yield plan shows house lots on bedrock with steep slopes or on poorly drained soil shown on the USDA soil map as hazardous to residential development. Mr. Williams also stated that the parcel is habitat for blandings, spotted, and wood turtles. One guest questioned if duplexes are allowed in a conservation subdivision, and other guests asked if the designation of Canaan Back Road as scenic road would have any bearing on the development. Mr. Camire (Canaan Back Road) spoke on behalf of the other residents present at the meeting. He brought up concerns with the development's impact on the scenic road and the abutters receiving late notification of the plans. He requested that the abutters and concerned residents have up to 3 months to gather information and be better prepared to address the proposal. Doug responded that this should be taken up with the Planning Board. Paul will write a memo stating all the questions and concerns shared at the meeting and suggesting that an environmental analysis, soil study, and hydrology study be done. Doug can incorporate this into a statement to share with the planning board.

Public Concerns

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

- **Dove Development** Resident Darlene Ciriello, an abutter to the Dove Development project, expressed a concern with impacts to groundwater from the development and questioned the adequacy of the septic systems as planned. She wondered what input the CC had given when reviewing this project. Minutes of July 8, 2021 show that CC members had raised questions about runoff and wetland impacts. Charlie mentioned that runoff could be a problem using a 24 hour rain duration with the given slope. The minutes of July 22 state that, "Mr. Hayden explained that Dove Development will over design for those (rain) events and stated that that under alteration of terrain rules they are required to add 10% to the design rainfall and plan accordingly. Another concern was with a wetland crossing which will require a conditional use permit. Mr. Hayden explained that temporary cribbing will be used to cross

the wetland in the initial phase of development,. Eventually a permanent access point of approved design will be added to allow access to the wells.” Ken sent a letter to the PB stating that the CC accepted the plans as presented.

- Gary made a suggestion that the Trails Committee be provided an amount of money from the CC fund to be used as an account specifically for use by the Trails Committee. Charlie will be consulted on this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Lands Committee, Trails Committee, Lake Associations

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

There was a **sighting** of a mellow barred owl and an agitated hawk hanging out in a tree together.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi