

**Barrington Conservation Commission
September 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
IN PERSON LOCATION: Early Childhood Learning Center
77 Ramsdell Lane
Barrington, NH 03825**

Remote access is available via Zoom meeting.

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Note: The Chair requests that, in keeping with CDC guidelines, commissioners will don masks if members of the public not known to the Commission are present and ask these guests to do so as well. Masks will be available to all.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Jack Gale
Anne Melvin, alternate
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison
Dan Cassidy
Jenny Stuart, alternate

ABSENT

Gary Imbrie, alternate

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chairman Ken Grossman called the meeting of September 9, 2021 to order at 7:07.

Delegation of voting members Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above.

Approval of the August 26, 2021 minutes The minutes of August 26, 2021 were accepted as amended and read.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale) There is no update.

Guest: Brian Lenzi (Chair, Land Use Committee)

It is noted that someone did try to join the meeting by phone, but left shortly. Ken was unable to get a name.

New/Old Business

- Emerald Acres tree removal Ken informed the group that Urban Tree Service had given a bid for the project; Urban felt that getting rid of the debris would be a very expensive, and the job should be done in the winter. Brian Lenzi and Dan Ayer presented an alternative plan, where the section of SATWaSR abutting Emerald Acres could be logged, and the value of the trees to be cut could offset the cost to the CC. It was mentioned that the adjacent lot to Emerald Acres, owned by Mr. Gowen, also has large trees that could possibly be taken down. If logging is done it is suggested that Mr. Gowen be contacted to see if he would like his trees to be taken at the same time (at his expense). There will be a CC site walk on Tuesday (9/14) at 9:00. Ken will check with Conner to see if he has talked with town forester Tim Nolin about this area, and Ken will contact SPNHF to let them know that logging is being considered. Brian also expressed concerns with infringements to the easement saying that there encroachments from Emerald Acres onto SATWaSR, including a structure and dumping of debris.
- Status of Trails Committee Ken discussed the status of the Trails Committee with Conner, and it was decided that the TC should be an official subcommittee of the CC. It was also decided that anyone in a leadership position of the Trails Committee should also be a member of the CC. This position could have alternate membership in the CC and would not have to attend meetings, but would receive the CC minutes to keep informed. There can be trail volunteers who are not members of either committee. Ken will talk with Charlie to see if he is comfortable with being Chair of the Trails Committee.
- Promotion of Citizen Conservation Efforts Jack has suggested using the BCC facebook page to promote citizen conservation. This would be an interactive format with a facebook “conversation” about how to reduce, recycle, reuse. Also covered could be habits of consumerism, energy conservation, and resilience to extreme weather. This will be discussed again at a future meeting.
- Conservation Commission membership Ken will check to see if Gary Imbrie is officially an alternate. Glen Gould is no longer an alternate, and Jack Gale is now a full member and BCC treasurer.
- Mountain bikes will be discussed at a future meeting.
- NHACC activities Anne will be attending a NHACC event this weekend.
- Revisions to Panish Easement Deed no updates
- Intents to cut (logging)
- Easement Monitoring Charlie Briggs and Dan C. did Lakeview Estates. Dan noted that some paths, leading to the water, are being created. The easement allows for woodland paths with no additional fill. Dan will bring his easement write up to the next meeting for discussion of any possible easement infringements. There was a question about the existence of the HOA. At the next meeting there will be an update on the monitoring schedule and monitors.
- Goodwill logging The logger has left Goodwill due to wet conditions. Logging will resume in the winter.
- By-Laws

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

No new cases at this time

Public Concerns Dan Ayer stated that there have been complaints about parking on the Young Road causeway(s). The Select Board will be discussing this at the next SB meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Lands Committee, Trails Committee

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

Sightings included baby ducks, a cormorant, a great egret, a kingfisher, and a garden spider eating a ladybug.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi