

Barrington Conservation Commission
January 27, 2022 7:00 p.m.
IN PERSON LOCATION: Early Childhood Learning Center
77 Ramsdell Lane
Barrington, NH 03825

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Jack Gale
Anne Melvin, alternate (via Zoom)
Dan Cassidy
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison
Jenny Stuart, alternate (via Zoom)
Gary Imbrie, alternate (via Zoom)

ABSENT

Charlie Tatham, alternate

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chairman Ken Grossman called the meeting of January 27, 2022 to order at 7:01.

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

Approval of the January 13, 2022 minutes The minutes of January 13, 2022 were approved as amended.

Guest: Stephen Jeffery

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale)

New Business/Old Business

- **Wetland Buffer Ordinance** (Stephen Jeffery) Mr. Jeffery explained his purposes for initiating the petitioned article (minutes of 12-9-21). CC members will review the notes Mr. Jeffery presented. Ken reiterated the need for a function based wetland ordinance and said that he hopes the CC can work with the PB in the future toward developing such an ordinance. **Dan Cassidy made a motion to endorse the petitioned amendment. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

- By-Laws and MoA Ken talked with Conner regarding the oversight of the Town Forest, and Conner confirmed that management of the Town Forest is with the CC. The group reviewed and discussed the proposed by-laws, with specific attention to membership. It was decided that Dan Ayer will remain a member of the CC and serve out his CC term when he is no longer a SB member. Jack will send members a revised proposed draft of the by-laws and MoA, and the draft can be voted on at the next CC meeting.
- Stewardship Fund Jack will check with Peter Royce on the existence of a stewardship fund.
- Turbocam easement and beaver flooding Melody Hughes, Turbocam manager for the open space, has had another conversation with Fish and Game regarding the beaver. It was decided that the beaver will remain for now, and in the spring beaver deceivers will be installed in the dam to release the water. There has been an issue with a vehicle using the trails, and rocks have been put in to block vehicle use on the trails.
- Digging and trash on Barr trail. Trenches have been dug along parts of the Barr Trail in an apparent attempt to mitigate flooding of the trail. However, it is unknown who is responsible for the digging. Trail maintenance, if necessary, should be done by the Trails Committee. There was discussion of what can be done when easements are violated. This will be taken up at a future meeting.

Cases Before the Planning Board

Noble Homes- [216-1-GR-22-Design \(Owner: Shane Carter-Noble Homes\)](#) Following review CC members noted that the plans seem to meet all regulations. It was mentioned that the proposed driveway is further from the Isinglass River than what the previous plans showed. Ken will let the ZBZ know that there are no concerns with the plans as presented. A recommendation for native plantings will be made to the developers.

Public Concerns

Any other business that may properly come before the Commission

Coastal Adaptation Working Group. Jack and Ken attended a presentation since Barrington is included as part of the NH seacoast. At the meeting it was pointed out that climate change will lead to more winter precipitation being in the form of rain or sleet which will not percolate if the ground is frozen, resulting in more flooding. Climate change will necessitate the CC working with the PB to implement adaptations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Lands Committee, Trails Committee, Lake Associations

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

- The Lands Committee did further review of the Homestead building proposal. Dan Ayer mentioned that one issue discussed was the cost of the clean-up.
- Members of the Trails Committee went to Emerald Acres to address concerns with ATVs driving over the Emerald Acres leach field when accessing a trail that goes into SATWaSR. The members determined that the ATVs are coming from Emerald Acres or the power lines and suggested that it would be the responsibility of Emerald Acres to place a barrier to limit access to the ATVs. It was also brought up that an unauthorized trail has been established leading into SATWaSR.

Sightings included snow fleas, deer eating at a brush pile, bluebirds, woodpeckers, and flocks of goldfinch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Lenzi