

Barrington Conservation Commission
January 13, 2022 7:00 p.m.
IN PERSON LOCATION: Early Childhood Learning Center
77 Ramsdell Lane
Barrington, NH 03825

Join Zoom Meeting

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Jack Gale
Anne Melvin, alternate (via Zoom)
Dan Cassidy (via Zoom)
Gary Imbrie, alternate

ABSENT

Charlie Tatham, alternate
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison
Jenny Stuart, alternate

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chairman Ken Grossman called the meeting of January 13, 2022 to order at 7:00.

Delegation of voting members Ken confirmed the presence of members as above, with Gary serving as a voting member.

Approval of the December 9, 2021 minutes The minutes of December 9, 2021 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale)

Dec transactions:

Ridge Top Tree (Emerald Acres) -\$2500.00

Interest earned. + \$ 7.01

Balance 12/31. \$85,342.34

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- **By-Laws and MoA** Ken suggested that the CC have revisions to the by-laws and MoA completed by March in order to present them to the new SB. One item members agreed

should remain part of the MoA is that the CC have the ability to go before the town to request funds should this become necessary. Ken will check with Conner regarding the oversight/management of the Town Forest and CC membership.

- Ridge at Green Hill ratification Five acres have been added to the open space. **Gary Imbrie made a motion to approve the acceptance of the open space, including the additional five acres, at the Ridge at Green Hill. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, five (5) to zero (0). Grossman – yes, Bogen – yes, Imbrie – yes, Gale – yes, Cassidy – yes.**
- Turbocam easement and beaver flooding Melody Hughes, Turbocam project manager for the open space, has made the CC aware of beaver activity on the Turbocam easement portion of Mallego Brook, and a flood plain is now impacting the trails. Ms. Hughes was in touch with Fish and Game, and F&G responded with two options: 1) leave the beavers and adjust the trail 2) remove the beavers and open the dam. CC members wondered if a third option could be to open the dam, but leave the beavers to dam another day. It was decided to do a site walk in the spring to further assess options.
- Intent to cut Two intent to cut were reviewed. The dates shown on the intents seem to indicate that these cuts have already been completed
- Annual Report Ken is working on the CC portion of the Annual Report.
- Mendums Pond drawdown The CC has been notified that the state has set the fall drawdown of Mendums at 4 feet, a change from the previous 7 feet.
- Status of wetland buffer zoning amendment Ken attended two PB meetings for discussion of the warrant articles regarding wetland buffers. (Dec. 9 minutes) At the meetings Ken spoke to the importance of conserving wetlands and the wetland buffers. It was decided by the PB not to go forward with the proposed PB change, and the PB is now supporting the petitioned article.
- Status of Homestead development Dan Cassidy and Anne had joined the Town Lands Committee meeting for discussion of the development. The legalities of age restricted housing will be looked into to see if the town can move forward with this development. Another issue explored was the cost of getting rid of the rock pile and other debris. It's anticipated that this will be a warrant article.
- Ayers Boat Launch (Dan Cassidy) Jack prepared a document outlining the concerns with the boat launch, and Dan will be sharing this with the Ayers Lake subcommittee. Due to DES personnel issues there is a delay in coordinating with the state on the possibility of a boat ramp.

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

New cases not due until January 12, 2022

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.

- Gary reported that IRLAC had a meeting with the regional manager from the National Parks covering what it takes to get a river designated a wild and scenic river. The members of the Isinglass River Committee will be considering whether to go forward with this process. Gary also reported that there was a spill from Waste Management into the Isinglass.

Sightings included two adult and an immature bald eagle, bluebirds, and a porcupine.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Lenzi