

Barrington Conservation Commission
February 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m. NOTE NEW START TIME
IN PERSON LOCATION: Town of Barrington (NEW TOWN HALL)
4 Signature Drive (1/4 mile North of the Old Town Hall)
Barrington, NH 03825

Ken Grossman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 824 2463 5185

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Anne Melvin, alternate
Paul Panish, alternate
Jack Gale, Treasurer
Dan Cassidy (via zoom)
Charlie Tatham, alternate
Scott Heron, alternate

ABSENT

Gary Imbrie, alternate
Rob Gibson, Selectboard liaison
Jenny Stuart

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Ken Grossman called the meeting of February 23, 2023 to order at 7:01.

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

Minutes review and approval The minutes of February 9, 2023 were accepted as amended.

Guests: Paul Thibideau, (via Zoom), Chris Berry and Kevin Baum for Norma Beardon, Young Rd. development; Bob Caverly, Ryan Caverly

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale)

Previous balance \$431,310.99
2/8 paid CMA. \$2391.60
2/21 Balance. \$428,919.39

Accounts payable:

- Submitted payment for \$419.99 for final work by Sharpeworks. Town of Barrington Finance lost Amy Doherty, so AP processing is 3 weeks behind. Amy has returned!

- Pending submittal for \$194.26 to Jack Gale for account changes at Dotster. Pending 9 Feb minutes approval.
- Pending contribution to SELT of \$100k for Landry project
- Unknown obligation for Richardson Dam

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Membership decisions
- Conservation inquiry off Shady Lane. Property owner Mr Dudzik has inquired about conserving parcels that abut the Swains Lake water district.
- Richardson Dam Ken is expecting more conversation with Conner and Mark West regarding the possibility of breaching the dam.
- Master Plan
- Monitoring
- Gupitil development Doug reported that a recreation map added to the plans does show a parking area for trail use as well as some connectiity between the walking trail and the snowmobile trail.
- Signature Drive open space Charlie brought up concerns with possible infringement on the open space. He will check with John Wallace to determine if a violation has occurred and will keep Ken informed.
- Plowing of town owned trail parking Jack shared that Marc Moreau has agreed to plowing parking lots for trailheads

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

240-8-NR-23-Sub (23) (Owner: Norma Bearden) Chris Berry (Berry Surveying and Engineering) presented the plans for the conservation (23 lot) subdivision on Young Road. Four lots have received a ZBA variance allowing setbacks closer to the road in order to avoid wetland impact. Chris pointed out that the center of the site contains a prime wetland, and this has been delineated. Ken requested that consideration be given to other than HOA ownership of the open space as experience has shown monitoring problems with HOAs taking ownership. Paul questioned whether this subdivision meets the guidelines/purpose of what a conservation subdivision is as outlined in the town ordinance, and he wondered if allowing this to go forward as a conservation subdivision sets a precedent. Another concern raised was with the overall density of the project, with density being a threat to prime wetlands and a wildlife corridor. Doug mentioned the importance of this area as a watershed. Dan expressed concerns with code enforcement being able to oversee and enforce regulations (septic, wells, driveway layout, setbacks etc) due to the density of the project. Ken's preamble in a memo to the Planning Board will include the issue raised about whether this plan fits the criteria of a *conservation* subdivision, and will address the other concerns brought up. There was consensus that while the plan as presented is superior to a conventional development, there remained the question of whether the plan does meet the intent of a conservation subdivision.

270-26-RC-23-SR (Owners: Eric Burgess-Burgess Landscaping Services) Members have no concerns with these plans.

270-71-RC-23-SR (Owners: Holly Grant & Joanne Miller-The Yellow Dog's Barn)
There are no concerns.

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.

There was a sighting of a sharp-shinned hawk at Doug's birdfeeder.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 (followed by windshield scraping).

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi