

**Barrington Conservation Commission  
November 7, 2019 6:30 PM  
Barrington Elementary School  
570 Calef Highway  
Barrington, NH 03825**

**PRESENT**

Ken Grossman, Chairman  
John Wallace, alternate  
Marika Wilde, alternate  
Doug Bogen  
Charlie Briggs  
Anne Melvin  
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

**ABSENT**

Pam Failing, Vice-chair  
Glenn Gould, alternate

**NOTE: THESE ARE SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES ONLY. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE MEETING AUDIO IS AVAILABLE AT THE LAND USE DEPARTMENT.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chairman Ken Grossman called the meeting of November 7, 2019 to order at 6:30.

**DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** Chair Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above, with Marika serving as a voting member.

**Guests:** Chad Hippensteel to observe, Charlie Tatham

- Tod Hebert -Liberty Lane The owners at Liberty Lane are requesting approval of a forest management plan for their property which is part of the conservation easement on Nippo. John and Charlie did a site walk and noted that the plan looked fine. **John Wallace made a motion to approve the forest management plan as presented. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- Conner MacIver and Brian Lenzi- **Forestry Planning**  
Conner gave the background of the process of choosing the forester and the work of the Town Lands Committee. It was noted that the forester (Tim Nolan) will be the town forester of record. The Lands Committee has chosen Goodwill (including the Goodwill Addition) and the Town Forest to start the process for forest management plans. Ken stated that he would like the CC to have input into the goals and objectives at the start of the planning process before a draft plan is presented, and Conner indicated that this is possible. Anne mentioned that it would be desirable to have the trails committee involved in the process of setting goals and objectives. There was discussion as to whether the Town Forest is under the jurisdiction of the CC, and Conner said that the CC could be the overseer by default since the Town Forest Task Committee no longer exists. He stated that it would be prudent to have the Select board appoint an overseer. John expressed concern about paying forest management fees for the Town Forest when has not been

formally established that the Town Forest is under CC jurisdiction. The issue of overseer will be taken up with the Select board. Ken countered that it would be in the CC's interest to pay the fee for the Town Forest in order to have input into the goals and objectives, and Doug concurred with this. John asked if there is a separate town forest fund, and Conner stated that this does not currently exist, but one could be set up. John brought up the possibility of having the revenue from the timber harvest on the Town Forest go toward the management fee. **Charlie Briggs made a motion to approve \$2,910 toward the Goodwill management plan, and \$1,250 toward the Town Forest management plan, with the presumption that the \$1,250 would be reimbursed should there be any proceeds from the planned timber harvest execution on the Town Forest. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

John reminded the group that forest management plans done on town owned conservation properties would need to be done with the approval of the conservation easement holder.

- **Richardson Dam** Conner gave an overview of the anticipated work for the dam, He recommended having an engineered design making the dam 6 feet or less (from its current 8 feet), and this would take it out of the jurisdiction of the Dam Bureau. Dan shared some ideas about how the construction might be done. Conner stated that the Select board thinks the dam is conservation property and thus the CC would be liable for funding the work. There was discussion as to whether the dam is a conservation issue or not, and Pam Failing shared (via Ken) that she feels it's an infrastructure issue, not a conservation issue, and the CC should not pay. She also questioned if it's legal to spend Conservation Fund money for a dam. Conner will be checking into the legality using CC funds for the dam and stated that he feels the dam upgrade is a conservation issue. John reminded the group that there will be money from the timber harvest on Goodwill that could possibly be used to reimburse the CC Fund for the dam, and Conner will look into whether revenue from forestry has to be designated by the Select board.
- **Anne Melvin made a motion to appropriate up to \$10,000 from the Conservation Fund for the Richardson Dam for a qualified engineer to do a dam inspection and assessment with a hydrology and hydrologic study, with the understanding that any proceeds from the Goodwill forest cutting go toward reimbursing the Conservation Fund. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** Ken suggested further discussion of money for dam repair *not later than* a December CC meeting.
- **Duane Hyde-SELT Leighton Property** Before discussing the Leighton property Duane went over the progress relating to the Schulz property (Brewster Road) and the Goodwill Amendment. The Goodwill Amendment is close to having the boundary survey completed, the title work is completed, and the phase 1 environmental assessment has been done. It is Duane's hope to have this project closed by year's end. John reminded the group that a public hearing will need to be held for the Goodwill amendment/addition. A Wetland Reserve Easement will be put on the Schulz piece. The Leighton property is 407 acres, with 286 acres in Barrington and the remainder in Strafford. Duane indicated that Strafford is supportive of the conservation of this parcel. He highlighted the conservation attributes of this property and noted that the parcel falls within the highest NRI co-occurrence area in town. This would be a property sale so ownership would be by SELT. A site walk will be arranged. Members of the CC were supportive of moving forward with this easement.

## **Old/New Business**

- **Charlie Briggs made a motion to give approval to the SRPC co-occurrence map. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- **Anne Melvin made a motion to pay \$350.00 from the Conservation Fund to Exeter Environmental Associates, LLC. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** This payment is for the phase 1 environmental study of the Panish property.
- Seavey Bridge Parking Dan Ayer returned a bid of \$10,750 for installing the parking area on Seavey Bridge Road. The CC was unable to approve the bid as the bid amount is over the \$10,000 threshold for informal bids. Ken will talk with Conner about this. (Also, the application will have to come from the owners.)
- The CC would like to come up with a schedule for maintaining the Cottontail habitat on SATWaSR. This can be discussed with the forester at a future meeting.

**Approval of minutes for October 17, 2019 Doug Bogen made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2019 as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

**Treasurer's Report** (Anne) (only available balance for Conservation Commission use)

## **Recommendations from the Conservation Commission**

- Pursuant to RSA 41:14A, the Planning Board needs to make recommendations to the Select Board regarding the land acquisition of [Map 223, Lot 26, C-1](#)
  - Pursuant to RSA 41:14A, the Planning Board needs to make recommendations to the Select Board regarding the land acquisition of [Map 223, Lot 29](#).
- Charlie Briggs made a motion to have the chair sign the letters of agreement to the Selectboard for the land acquisition of lots 26, C-1 and 29 on Map 223. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Ken signed the letters.**

**PB:**

**ZBA:**

**DES:**

## **Select Board representative comments and concerns**

### **Committee Reports**

Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance, Lands Committee, Trails Committee, Islinglass River Local Advisory Committee (IRLAC, Oyster River Local Advisory Committee (ORLAC),  
Lamprey River LAC

**Ongoing projects for 2019** (reports by designated committee member for each item)

Trails Booklet, Meeting with Lakes Association, Natural Resource Inventory accessibility,

Easements (Dolmat)

**Other projects** – parking area for Barrington Trail (Seavey Bridge Rd), forest management for SATWaSR, Conservation projects at Beardon property, Young Rd (Doug), Newsky property (map 266 lot 6, 30 acres, abuts SATWASR to SW

**Easements:**

**Sightings:** Sighted were a moose, bear, flicker, deer, and Carolina wren.

**Doug Bogen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi