

Barrington Conservation Commission
April 16, 2020 6:30 PM

Ken Grossman as Chair of the Barrington Conservation Commission, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this commission is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are *providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:*

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Meeting ID: 260 721 099

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We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the commission have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting as well.

For further security there will be a "waiting room" allow the chair to control entry.

PRESENT	Ken Grossman, Chairman
	Anne Melvin, alternate
	John Wallace, alternate
	Charlie Briggs
	Tom Smith
	Doug Bogen
	Dan Ayer

ALSO PRESENT	Pam Failing
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ABSENT	Glenn Gould, alternate
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CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of April 16, 2020 to order at 6:30.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above. Ken has requested that Pam Failing be appointed an alternate member.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Approval of the April 2, 2020 meeting minutes. **Tom Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2020 as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Ayer - aye, Grossman – aye, Briggs – aye, Smith – aye, Bogen – aye.**

GUESTS

- A) Brendan Quigley, Wetland Scientist/GIS Specialist, Gove Environmental Services, Inc., to discuss the open space from Mr. Falzone.
- B) Charlie Briggs, Lynda Brushett - Nippo Pond

Treasurer's Report

(Tom) (only available balance for Conservation Commission use)

Tom reported the current balance as \$17,521.

ACTION ITEMS

- A) Brendan Quigley (Gove Environmental Group) and CC members reviewed the documents outlining the management of the open space at The Ridge at Greenhill . Dan Ayer recused himself. A question was raised about the name (Ridge at Greenhill) being confusing, and Charlie suggested that the fire chief and PB be consulted to see if there are safety concerns with this name. The name can be changed if it is determined to be an issue of confusion. Brendan stated that a phase one environmental assessment is being done. There was discussion about trail construction and usage. It was decided that there should be guidelines for authorized trail construction and documentation of guidelines to be used will be added to the open space language. For trail usage it was agreed to have the grantee reserve the right to limit permitted uses (passive recreation, mountain biking and horseback riding) if they become contradictory to conservation goals as outline in the management goals. Prohibited uses would be off road vehicles, camping, and hunting, with fires prohibited without the written consent of the fire chief and BCC. DES has not requested records of monitoring. It was suggested that there be an annual walk through the property with special attention given to areas next to residential lots and areas draining off site, with problems prioritized for corrective action. It was noted that establishment of a parking area and trail development have no set date. After discussion of stewardship fees, Brendan proposed a \$10,000 donation with distributions to cover a forest management plan and stewardship of property. He will check to see if this is acceptable to the Army Corp. Brenden Quigley took notes of the changes agreed to and will submit a revised draft to the CC.

Dan Ayer rejoined the group.

B) Charlie Briggs, Lynda Brushett Nippo Pond Charlie recused himself.

Charlie and Lynda gave a presentation to show what has been happening at Nippo Pond for the last 5-10 years. They explained that the watershed for the lake is very small with a lot of impermeable soil around the lake causing fast moving runoff. The lake has a very slow turnover time and has experienced algae and cyanobacteria blooms, believed to be due to high levels of phosphorous. It has been determined that to improve and maintain water quality there is a need to lessen both the internal load (phosphorous on the bottom of the lake) and external load (runoff into the lake). The Nippo Association has received grants and feels the external loading is stabilized with road grading, new culverts, spot fixes for erosion and storm water control, septic surveys, etc. A further remediation is to add alum to the lake to mitigate the internal phosphorous load. Conserving the remaining undeveloped shoreline watershed (Landry property) would further correct and protect the lake. The proximity of this undeveloped parcel to Stonehouse Forest was mentioned. Charlie and Lynda, on behalf of the Nippo Association, would like to affirm a partnership with the BCC to pursue the conservation of the Landry property. In this process the BCC and town would be the applicant for resources. (The Selectboard would have to approve being an applicant.) It is proposed that a meeting with Mr. Landry, Ken, John and Charlie be scheduled to discuss possible conservation of the property. To this end **Dan Ayer made a motion that Charlie Briggs be recused as a BCC member for any discussion of this issue. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed with a roll call vote. Ayer – aye, Grossman – aye, Bogen – aye, Smith – aye, Wallace – aye.** There will be further discussion of possible conservation at the May 7th CC meeting.

Charlie rejoined the group.

C) Goals and Adjectives for Forestry Plan-Tim Nolan

D) Permit to Place or Use Blinds/Stands request by Philip Treadwell & Stephen Treadwell The CC gave conditional approval to Stephen and Phillip Treadwell to erect a tree stand on SATWASR near Tibbets Rd., for hunting.

They may remove tree branches, but may not remove trees. Ken will sign the permit, as amended, and send it to the applicants.

E) Dan Ayer made a motion to release money to pay for the forestry plans

for Goodwill and and the Town Forest. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Ayer – aye, Grossman - aye, Bogen - aye, Smith - aye, Briggs - aye. (Note: this

money had previously been appropriated at the Nov. 7, 2019 meeting and minutes approved Nov. 21).

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Town Forest, Forestry Plan

OLD BUSINESS

- A) BCC Website
- B) Easement monitoring
- C) Collaboration with lands com and UNH-cooperative extension on Rabbit habitats at Tamposi

SELECT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Lands Committee, Trails Committee
- B) Islinglass River Local Advisory Committee (IRLAC, Oyster River Local Advisory Committee
- C) (ORLAC), Lamprey River LAC

ONGOING PROJECTS FOR 2020

- A) (reports by designated committee member for each item)
- B) Trails Booklet
- C) Meeting with Lakes Association
- D) Natural Resource Inventory accessibility,
- E) Easements (Dolmat)

OTHER PROJECTS

forest management for SATWaSR, Conservation projects at Beardon property, Young Rd (Doug),

DATES TO REMEMBER

- A) April 7, 2020 meeting with Planning Board-**POSTPONED TO LATER DATE**

Easements:

Sightings: An owl, a dead rabbit (not the Easter Bunny), increasing number of turtles, bufflehead ducks, and mergansers were all mentioned.

Doug Bogen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06. Tom Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Charlie Briggs' presentation to the BCC April 16, 2020 is being submitted along with these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi