

Barrington Conservation Commission
September 3, 2020 7:00 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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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
Charlie Briggs
John Wallace, alternate
Dan Ayer (7:18)
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Anne Melvin, alternate (7:23)

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of September 3, 2020 to order at 7:03.

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

Guests: Tom Daniels and Jim Farnham for Mendums Landing HOA

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Approval of the August 6, 2020 meeting minutes Charlie **Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2020. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of four (4) to zero (0) in favor.**

Treasurer's Report (Charlie Briggs) There are no updates at this time.

NEW BUSINESS/Action Items

Gerritor/Homestead Property Tom Daniels and Jim Farnham (Mendums Landing HOA) explained that they are looking for information/guidance on how the Mendums Landing HOA might go about conserving a parcel of land (approx.. 40 acres) that abuts the land (37 acres) currently in conservation. Tom shared that he feels conservation of the parcel is important as it is a watershed for Mendums Pond, part of the Lamprey River management plan. The parcel in question is currently owned by the town. Dan said there are some legal issues with the existing houses on the 40 acres, and this property will be looked at by the Lands Committee this winter to further research legal issues. Ken suggested that Tom, on behalf of the HOA, meet with John Wallace to have a discussion of conservation possibilities.

Unauthorized beach on Swain's Lake (Mr. McMahon) Ken reported that Mr. McMahon notified the BCC that he had filed a complaint with DES about an unauthorized beach being put in on Swain's Lake. This prompted a discussion about the issue of non-compliance with DES waterfront regulations. It was acknowledged that DES is understaffed and thus hindered in its ability to enforce regulations. A suggestion was to contact legislators to try to "put more teeth" into the laws and enforcement. Ken will write a letter to DES on behalf of the BCC in support of Mr. McMahon's complaint.

Perched beaches/Permeability (Cmr. Briggs) Charlie Briggs researched the use and effectiveness of permeable paving. He related that the primary problem is with maintenance, and without proper cleaning it becomes impermeable. Charlie reviewed various maintenance techniques and found that there is essentially no way for homeowners to do proper maintenance. Ken wondered how current research on permeable paving and other such matters is disseminated to professional planners so that we can make decisions from good data. John suggested that Charlie get in touch with the UNH Stormwater Center to get more information about this.

The meeting with the Board of Selectmen will be on September 14. Conner suggested Ken have introductory remarks prepared, and Dan suggested that Ken speak with SB Chair Tracy before the meeting. Richardson Dam and conserving the Leighton property could come up for discussion. John proposed that this would be an opportunity to share the co-occurrence map with the SB.

Holly Lane (Newsy family) abuts SATWaSR. Ken will let Conner know that the CC would like to work with the Newsy family to possibly conserve this parcel. Dan mentioned that there are other land parcels abutting the Newsy one that could possibly be looked at for conservation.

Tiny library at trail head Ken received an email from a Coe-Brown student who would like to install a tiny library at a trail head as part of a senior project. The student's request was to put a tiny library on the Goodwill entrance (Rte. 9) to feature the Winnie the Pooh trail. The CC mentioned the possibility of also putting one up at Stonehouse (Pond or Forest). Dan will bring this up at the SB meeting, and Ken will contact the student for more details.

OLD BUSINESS and Updates

Panish Easement The Panish Easement is moving forward.

BCC Website

Trails Booklet The booklets are finished, and John is looking into places in town that might be willing to sell the booklets.

Easement monitoring John reported that Mendums Landing has been monitored as well as Wallace/Benting and Littlefield/Thyng.

Public Concerns Anne reported a clear cutting on both sides of the Isinglass within Strafford. This will be reported to DES.

John noted that trash has been dumped on the Calef west trail. This might necessitate a clean up.

Dan stated that there are access points to conserved land (SATWaSR) along the Eversource right of way that need to be blocked off.

SELECT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Lands Committee, Trails Committee

- B) Isinglass River Local Advisory Committee (IRLAC, Oyster River Local Advisory Committee
- C) (ORLAC), Lamprey River LAC

ONGOING PROJECTS FOR 2020

- A) Trails Booklet
- B) Meeting with Lakes Association
- C) Natural Resource Inventory accessibility,
- D) Easements (Dolmat)

OTHER PROJECTS

forest management for SATWaSR, Conservation projects at Beardon property, Young Rd (Doug),
Charlie reported that the plans for conserving the land near Nippo Lake have been abandoned for the time being.

DATES TO REMEMBER Meeting with SB September 14.

Easements:

Sightings: Turkeys large and small, two opossums, a preying mantis, and a snapping turtle were all sighted. Unfortunately, very few monarch butterflies have been sighted.

John Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi