

Barrington Conservation Commission  
October 14, 2021 7 PM  
IN PERSON LOCATION: Early Learning Center, 77 Ramsdell Lane, Barrington, NH 03825

Members Present: Ken Grossman Chair  
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair  
Jack Gale  
Dan Cassidy  
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison  
Anne Melvin, alternate  
Gary Imbrie, alternate  
Jenny Stewart, alternate (in attendance by zoom)

Guest Present: Ted Bergeron, National Resources class attendee  
Absent: None

Call to Order: Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chairman Ken Grossman called the meeting of October 14, 2021 to order at 7:07 PM

Minutes of September 23 meeting approved as read

Treasure's Report (Jack Gale): No update – still waiting for Moose Plate money

Membership: Ken Grossman reported that Charlie Tatham, Chair of the Trails Committee, will be joining the BCC as an alternate

New Business:

Emerald Acres tree removal: Dan Ayer reported that selection of a contractor to remove the tree is still in process. Dan said that Brian Lenzi's neighbor declined to do the job as he is just a one-man operation and he thinks it will take a full crew. Dan reported that to do the 'Big Picture' we will need to have the boundary surveyed, and perhaps some logging would be considered. Jack Gale commented that logging could be expensive and a logging plan would be needed. Dan Ayer estimated the 'whole' project would cost between 5K – 10K.

Jack Gale suggested that we just focus on the 'one tree.' Dan Cassidy said that he has a lead for a crew that could do the job and will report back at the next meeting. Jenny Stewart suggested getting a bid from Orion Tree Service. All of this to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Resiliency Survey:

Ken Grossman asked for comments regarding the Resiliency Survey. Doug Bogen suggested that the culvert upgrade project at the dam on the Goodwill site could be considered resiliency. Ken G. said that we should ask the Town to consider resiliency from the 'planning aspect'. He further said that he will ask the Regional Planning Commission what they would have us do regarding resiliency. Jenny mentioned in zoom chat that there should be sustainability standards in all development plans.

Dan Ayer asked that the next item for discussion be salt use in the winter. He said that salt is harming all of our lakes and streams and that the damage is permanent and there is 'no going back.' He further said

that we cannot keep laying down salt. Dan asked that the BCC send a letter to the Select Board encouraging reduced salt usage.

Jack Gale made a motion that the BCC send a letter to the Select Board that would support road agents in planning to reduce salt and sand usage which addresses the issue of dying trees and lake and stream pollution. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Cassidy. Vote was unanimously approved. Doug Bogen said that he would talk to the Planning Commission about this subject.

## NEW BUSINESS

Dan Cassidy asked if BCC could host a Lakes Association Meeting sometime this Fall. Ken G. responded that hosting them will require logistics to be worked out. Dan and Ken will work on this and report back at the next meeting.

### Gifts:

Kens G. said that BCC can accept gifts but that the Select Board needs to approve of all gifts but that checks be made out to Barrington Conservation Commission, not the Town of Barrington. Ken said that he will work with Conner MacIver, Town Manager, to get the exact language for this proposal and will let us know at the next meeting what we need to do from here.

### Cases Before the Planning Board:

Dan Ayer reported that are two major developments in process: 1. Three-story mixed-use building with 8 commercial units and 2-3 residential units. This building is very close to the new town hall site. 2. St. Hilare's Motorsports is moving their entire operation to a site also close to the new town hall site. Additionally, there are fifty-three residential units are being developed behind the new town hall site.

No objections we made by the committee regarding these developments.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Easement Monitoring:

Dan Cassidy reported that there are 4 upcoming easement sites to inspect: 1. Brazen Hill 2. Boodey 3. Shultz/Lejere 4. Warren Jack Gale reported that he will do the writeup the Calef Trail easement site.

It was suggested that we look at the policy regarding E-bikes. Jack Gale thinks they qualify as 'motorized' though there have been some state and local agencies that do not consider them motorized. Jack will research this subject and report back at next meeting.

### NHACC Event:

Ann Melvin reported that the NHACC workshops are online and ask that all committee members attend.

### Panish Easement Deed (Also Called Goodwill area)

Doug Bogen reported that we applied for state grants and at the same time were negotiating with Mr. Panish for his property. Mr. Panish was going to grant easement for an additional 112 acres of conservation land which was then included in the grant. However, the grant had a 'glitch' and was held back, which

caused Mr. Panish to bail out of the transaction. This made the grant fail. Conner MacIver (Town Manager) is trying to put this back together. Doug said that DES is a critical player in this process and he is shearing the process. Jack Gale offered to assist Doug in this work.

Ken Grossman said that BCC received money then the Land Change Tax is executed, however we do not get the money until the building permit is issued.

Richardson Bridge:

Dan Ayer reported that the redo of the engineering plans for the Richardson Bridge were coming along. He will have more information at a future meeting.

Bylaws:

Jack Gale reported that the BCC Bylaws were in progress. He has made modifications to the 'Memorandum of Understanding' and other changes regarding grammar and changes to nomenclature. He is still working on the draft but it should be ready for review soon.

Trails Committee:

There has been an inquiry from a resident of Emerald Acres as to the status of a trail that has been made leading from Emerald Acres to SATwsr. Ken said the trail is in good shape but needs to be identified and put on the trails map.

Lands Committee:

Jack Gale put list of Town owned properties that was given to BCC by the Lands Committee. One of the major parcels that have been put up for auction was the Parker Mountain Road 50-acre parcel. Dan Ayer reported that this parcel was offered to the two abutters and both submitted bids. It was noted by Ken Grossman that this property was identified as highly desirable conservation land. Per Dan Ayer once the auction process has begun the parcel is essentially unavailable for input from BCC.

No other committee reports

Sightings:

Per Dan Ayer a nice sized bobcat was reported near the area of 'Waterhouse.' Doug said he saw a 3 ft water snake. Jenny saw a pregnant praying mantis in a garden.

Jack Gale moved the meeting to be adjourned and everyone agreed. Time was 9 pm.