

Barrington Conservation Commission
October 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
IN PERSON LOCATION: Early Childhood Learning Center
77 Ramsdell Lane
Barrington, NH 03825

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Note: The Chair requests that, in keeping with CDC guidelines, commissioners will don masks if members of the public not known to the Commission are present and ask these guests to do so as well. Masks will be available to all.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman (via Microsoft)
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Jack Gale
Anne Melvin, alternate
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison
Dan Cassidy
Gary Imbrie, alternate (via Microsoft)

ABSENT

Jenny Stuart, alternate
Charlie Tatham, alternate (membership pending)

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Vice Chair Doug Bogen called the meeting of October 28, 2021 to order at 7:09.

Delegation of voting members Doug confirmed the presence of members as above.

Approval of the October 14, 2021 minutes The minutes of October 14, 2021 were accepted as amended.

Guest: Parker Schuerman, SELT land manager and restoration ecologist

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale)

The treasurer's report (below) was accepted as presented.

Dates			Transaction	Amount	Balance
Recorded	Approved	Invoiced	Description		
8/1/2021			Balance		\$83,806.88
8/25/2021			Interest	\$7.04	\$83,813.92
8/31/2021			Deposit, Book sales	\$770.00	\$84,583.92
	8/12/2013		Emerald Acres/SATWaSR tree removal <\$5k	\$0.00	\$84,583.92

	9/9/2021 Dan Cassidy: mapping software reimbursement	-\$39.99	\$84,543.93
9/25/2021	Interest	\$7.17	\$84,551.10
10/5/2021	Deposit, Book sales	\$510.00	\$85,061.10
10/13/2021	Deposit, Book sales	\$110.00	\$85,171.10

New/Old Business

- Stonehouse Pond trail. Mr. Schuerman explained that SELT would like construct a winter parking lot and pond access trail. This lot and trail would help to separate user groups and allow swimmers to go directly to the pond while avoiding the boat launch area. The work will require a minimum cutting of trees and fill, and a floating boardwalk will be installed across the wetland area. SELT will keep the winter parking lot plowed. **Ken Grossman made a motion to approve SELT's application to install a wetland boardwalk and to authorize Doug to sign the application. Dan Ayer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Doug Bogen made a motion to amend the motion previously adopted to now read *Ken Grossman made a motion to approve SELT's application to install a wetland boardwalk, and Ken will sign the application.* Dan Ayer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- Emerald Acres tree removal/Ridge Top Tree Care (Dan Cassidy) Dan received a bid of \$2,200 from Ridge Top Tree Care to drop, cut up and leave the trees on town land. Emerald Acres has signed off on this proposal, and the proposed work has been cleared by SPNHF. Dan will have another conversation with Emerald Acre landowners regarding liability for lawn damage. **Jack Gale made a motion to amend the previous motion (minutes of August 12, 2021) to now read *to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the removal of the high risk trees abutting Emerald Acres (located on the Town-owned Samuel A. Tamposi Water Supply Reserve (SATWaSR).* Dan Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Gale – yes, Bogen – yes, Cassidy – yes, Grossman -yes, Ayer – yes.**
- Homestead Proposal from Select Board Members discussed the possibility of expanding the area of conserved land to add to what is now conservation land. **Jack Gale made a motion that the CC supports proposals 4 and 7 (4. Solicit for RFQ / RFP from a developer to work with the town to provide a basic subdivision layout plan. 7. Investigate options for over 55 housing at this location.) as presented by the lands committee, and would like to conserve existing conservation land and explore the possibility of expanding the conserved land. Dan Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Ken will let Conner know of this decision.**
- eBike proposal (Jack Gale) After researching the state guidelines for eBike use, Jack made the recommendation to allow eBikes on trails where other bikes are allowed. He mentioned that it seems unlikely that folks would be riding eBikes on the woodland trails as they are not designed for motorized bikes. Ken suggested that SELT, as an easement holder, should be contacted for recommendations on the use of eBikes. **Jack Gale made a motion to clarify the bike policy on Town of Barrington trails that eBikes will be treated as bicycles, pending concurrence from SELT. Dan Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).** This would need to be approved by the SB. There was a question if other easement holders (SPNHF) should also be contacted for input on eBike use, and it was decided that SELT and SPNHF should be consulted before making any clarifications to the guidelines. Ken will make these contacts. **Jack made a motion to rescind his previous motion. Dan Ayer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Ebikes will be discussed at a future meeting.**

- Camp Fireside Committee (Dan Cassidy) Dan shared that the Ayers Lake Association and Camp Fireside are forming a committee to look at the boat launch situation.
- Town land sale on Isinglass (Gary/Anne) The Isinglass River Committee voted as a committee to be informed of any future land sales that impact the Isinglass River. Gary Imbrie discussed the proposed sale of the Parker land parcel with Conner, and Gary requested that the River Committee be advised if for any reason the property is not under contract. Gary also mentioned that the Committee will be working toward applying for the Isinglass to be designated as a wild and scenic river.
- Lake Association Summit (Dan Cassidy) Dan has proposed a zoom meeting for interested individuals and groups to hear from Amanda McQuaid (DES) regarding cyanobacteria. It was suggested that the use of salt on roads could also be discussed. A tentative date of November 16th was set for this meeting, with a final date and time to be set at a future meeting.
- Easement Monitoring Schedule (Dan Cassidy) Dan will be connecting with Gary Imbrie and John Wallace to follow up with monitoring.
- By-Laws and MoA (First Reading) (Jack Gale et al) This can be covered at a future meeting.
- Drinking Water Fund Grant (Doug) This is for Goodwill. Doug will make contact with the appropriate folks.

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

No Cases

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.

Sightings mentioned were a yearling deer, a possum, cardinals and robins at a crabapple tree, bluebirds, and migrating grackles.

Dan Cassidy moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:55, and everyone agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi