

**Barrington Conservation Commission**  
**December 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**  
**IN PERSON LOCATION: Early Childhood Learning Center**  
**77 Ramsdell Lane**  
**Barrington, NH 03825**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Charlie Tatham, alternate

**Call to order** Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chairman Ken Grossman called the meeting of December 9, 2021 to order at 7:14.

**Delegation of voting members** Ken confirmed the presence of members as above.

**Approval of the November 11, 2021 minutes** The minutes of November 11, 2021 were approved as written.

Guest: Matt Towne (via Zoom)

**Treasurer's Report** (Jack Gale)

11/1 \$40 deposit  
11/3 -\$39.99 Reimbursement  
11/4 \$110.00 deposit  
11/24 \$7.24 interest  
Balance: \$85,335.33

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

- **By-Laws and MoA** This will be taken up at a future meeting.
- **eBike proposal** CC members discussed the regulations and agreed that eBikes would be allowed on trails as long as the bike was pedal assist only and did not have a throttle. It was mentioned

that there should be a caution against riders going on muddy trails. A proposal will be finalized at a future meeting.

- Lake Association Summit (Dan Cassidy)
- Groundwater/Drinking Water Trust Fund Grant for Goodwill Doug heard from Sandy Krystal (DES) that there will be a revised grant figure shortly.
- Ayers Lake Boat Access Dan Cassidy went over the developments regarding the boat launch at Ayers Lake. He stated that the Campground has relinquished ownership of the launch area, and now the Town of Barrington owns this parcel. Both the town and state would like to see this kept as a launch area, but Dan brought up problems with possible invasive species, parking, and boats launching into the campground swim area. Dan Ayer mentioned that there is an issue with Daniel Cater Road width meeting standards. The state Wetland Bureau (DES) has expressed an interest in meeting with the Ayers Lake group to establish improvements to the launch area. The Subcommittee of the Ayers Lake Association will be meeting with both the town SB and the Wetland Bureau to come up with a plan for the boat launch.
- SELT thank you Jack will post on Facebook a thank you to SELT for its work on land preservation.
- Easement Monitoring Schedule (Dan Cassidy) Calef East will be done.
- AARP Grants This will be covered at a January meeting.

### **CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD**

Change to buffer ordinance The group reviewed the proposed warrant article (**Item #10:** To amend Section 9.5.1(5) as follows: "This ordinance shall not prohibit the construction of principal and accessory structures within the buffer zone on unimproved lots that were approved for subdivision by the Planning Board **or on lots** which otherwise existed on or before March 13, 2001.") regarding wetland buffers, as well as the petitioned warrant article which would delete the above article. The merits and drawbacks to both articles were discussed. Ken voiced concern that the petitioned article could be seen as denying land owners the right to the fair use of their property. It was brought up that landowners can request a variance or 9.6 (conditional use permit) to deal with wetland issues. There was consensus that the wetlands need to be protected, and Ken will put this in a memo to the PB and also state that the CC would like to work with the PB to develop a comprehensive value based approach to protecting the wetlands.

### **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 Doug's possum (trapped and released) is no longer living under the chicken coop. Not sighted, but heard, was a pileated woodpecker.

There will be no meeting on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi

