

**Barrington Conservation Commission
December 19, 2019 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School
570 Calef Highway
Barrington, NH 03825**

PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
John Wallace, alternate
Marika Wilde, alternate
Doug Bogen
Charlie Briggs
Anne Melvin
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

ABSENT

Pam Failing, Vice-chair
Glenn Gould, alternate

NOTE: THESE ARE SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES ONLY. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE MEETING AUDIO IS AVAILABLE AT THE LAND USE DEPARTMENT.

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Ken Grossman called the meeting of December 19, 2019 to order at 6:30.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Chair Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above, with Marika serving as voting member. Ken left the meeting at 7:10; John became a voting member with Doug serving as chair.

Approval of minutes for December 5, 2019 **Charlie Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2019. John Wallace seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Guests: Brian Lenzi

Old Business/New Business –

- Ken began the meeting by sharing a discussion he had with Conner regarding CC payment for the **Richardson Dam** repair. Ken's take away from this exchange is that it is the expectation of the Board of Selectmen that the CC will pay the costs, and it would be in the long term interest of the CC to pay the costs with the understanding that funds will be coming in (Land Use Change Tax) for future land conservation.

The group discussed the four proposals for the phase one dam evaluation. The consensus was to consider and further review the proposals from Stephens Associates and Milone & MacBroom. This will be done at *a special meeting scheduled for December 26 at 6:30 at Millos.*

- There was conversation about setting goals and having input for Tim Nolan regarding the **forestry management for Goodwill and the Town Forest.** Anne gave a brief synopsis of the stewardship plan for Greater Goose Pond Forest, and Ken shared some issues to consider for forest management. Some topics mentioned by Anne and Ken were habitat diversity of trees and wildlife, recreation, invasives, fire hazards, timber harvesting, and climate change mitigation. The possibility of using the Town Forest as a teaching area was brought up, and Brian mentioned that using the Town Forest to its full potential would require road improvement. There was a suggestion to do *a joint meeting with the CC, Town Lands Committee and Mr. Nolan before the end of February.*
- **Goodwill Amendment closing** Charlie Briggs made a motion to authorize up to \$222,000 from the conservation fund for the Goodwill closing. This supersedes the \$40,000 approved in January 2019. John Wallace seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote five (5) to zero (0) in favor. The understanding is that the state will reimburse \$190,000 from a DES grant.
- **Belleville easement** John Wallace made a motion to authorize Peter Royce to cut a check for \$20,320 to SELT to cover the expenses related to the Belleville easement. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.
- DES has indicated it would approve the town taking ownership of the conservation land at the Old Greenhill Subdivision.
- Charlie shared the progress being made with phosphorous mitigation on Nippo. This can be discussed at a future meeting.
- Marika announced that she will no longer be serving as a member of the CC. Members expressed their thanks to Marika and regret that she's leaving.

Other Business: Invoices:

PB:

ZBA:

DES:

Other New Business- Cottontail Habitat SATwasr

Treasurer's Report (Anne) (only available balance for Conservation Commission use)

Select Board representative comments and concerns

Committee Reports

Joint Committee with PB for wetland buffer ordinance, Lands Committee, Trails Committee,
Islinglass River Local Advisory Committee (IRLAC), Oyster River Local Advisory Committee (ORLAC), Lamprey River LAC

Ongoing projects for 2019 (reports by designated committee member for each item) Trails Booklet, Meeting with Lakes Association, Natural Resource Inventory accessibility,

Easements Dolmat needs to be completed. John reported on the monitoring completed for this year.

Other projects – parking area for Barrington Trail (Seavey Bridge Rd), forest management for SATWaSR, Conservation projects at Beardon property, Young Rd (Doug), Newsky property (map 266 lot 6, 30 acres, abuts SATWASR to SW

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Sightings: A hawk eating a bluejay and cardinals.

Anne Melvin made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously five (5) to zero (0).

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi