

**Barrington Conservation Commission
February 6, 2020 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School
570 Calef Highway
Barrington, NH 03825**

PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Pam Failing, Vice-chair
John Wallace, alternate
Anne Melvin
Charlie Briggs
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison
Tom Smith, alternate

ABSENT

Doug Bogen
Glenn Gould, alternate

MEETING MINUTES 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 February 6, 2020 to order at 6:30.

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

Guests: Brian Lenzi (Chair, Town Lands Committee)

Approval of minutes for January 16, 2020 **Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2020 as amended. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Treasurer's Report (Anne) (only available balance for Conservation Commission use) It was mentioned that the CC has not yet been reimbursed from the state executive council (\$190,000 from a DES grant for the Goodwill amendment). John also reminded the group that \$2500 should have been received from the LRC for the NRI work. Anne will talk with Peter Royce to get the most recent figures

for the Conservation Fund and to inquire if the Tamposi Stewardship Fund (\$2700) has been moved to the Conservation Fund.

Old Business/New Business:

- **Communication with Select Board and others:** Ken shared conversations he had with Conner MacIver, Peter Royce, and Dan Ayer, and as a result of these talks Ken feels it would be beneficial to have improved communication between the CC and other town boards/offices, especially as it relates to finances. Ken suggested that the minutes be forwarded to Lynne Murphy, Peter Royce, and Conner MacIver with monetary discussion/amounts highlighted.
- The amount of **\$53,125.50** from the Conservation Fund for **SELT's expenses** relating to the Goodwill amendment has been wired.
- **A March 23, 2020 meeting has been scheduled with the Select Board.** At this meeting there can be discussion about the possibility of doing joint public hearings with the Select Board for land acquisition.
- **Goals and Adjectives for Tamposi rabbit habitat** Brian Lenzi (Chair, Town Lands Committee) gave an update on the forestry planning for the Tamposi rabbit habitat. He explained that the Lands Committee has been in touch with various individuals and organizations regarding the work to be done on the parcel. (Strafford County Forester Rebecca DiGirolomo, Matt Tarr at UNH cooperative extension, Rockingham County Forester Greg Jordan, Ethan Belair at UNH Forest Technology) Brian reported that comments were made that the cut parcel is growing slower than anticipated and is still providing habitat for rabbits and birds. Also, no invasives were reported. Ethan Belair suggested that UNH students could visit the site in March or April to get data (such as a wildlife inventory) and cut some vegetation. Possibly the cost of this could be just to pay mileage. Conner suggested the Lands Committee, with input from those mentioned above, provide a plan for the CC and Select Board to review. Brian will get back to the CC with a proposal.
- **Forestry goals and objectives for Goodwill and Town Forest** The Lands Committee will be formulating goals and objectives, to be reviewed by the CC, for the 84 acres behind the Highway Dept. At its February 20 meeting the CC will set goals and objectives for the forestry plan on Goodwill and the Town Forest. The forest stewardship listing from Tim Nolin and those from SELT can be used for this task, and the priorities will then be shared and discussed with Mr. Nolin and the Lands Committee.
- **Plowing of easement parking areas** The town road agent gave an estimate of plowing costs for the Goodwill parking area and both parking areas for

SATWaSR. John made a suggestion that costs for plowing should be put into the annual budget of the Lands Use Department, and it was mentioned that Marsha should be notified right away about this budget request (amount to be determined). Pam and John will come up with an amount for the budget request to be discussed at the next CC meeting.

- **BCC Website** Glenn Gould has informed John that the platform is no longer able to support the site, and he suggests finding a new place to host the website. John will have Glenn talk with Conner about the possibility of the town platform hosting the BCC site.
- **Easement monitoring** John is seeking assistance with easement monitoring. Charlie offered to attend a workshop on monitoring and help with this task. It was suggested that folks from the trails committee and the hikers' list might also be recruited.

PB: Turbocam-Lots77, 1.2 & 1.4 Letter Response Bruce Scammon wrote a response to Pam's letter of concern regarding the proposed runoff treatment system. In his letter Mr. Scammon addressed the concerns and noted that both the state and Jeff Adler (Dubois-King) will be reviewing the drawings. The CC had positive comments on Mr. Scammon's response, and Ken will write a note of thanks.

Select Board representative comments and concerns

Correspondence: The CC received two letters from DES. One letter concerned a shoreline protection issue (resolved) and the other was regarding a wetland permit application. (Rte. 125 – Lots 24 & 26 Falzone) The BCC had no comments.

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: The Dolmat monitoring is done.

Other projects – parking area for Barrington Trail (Seavey Bridge Rd),

Sightings: The spring song of chickadees has been heard.

Charlie Briggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi