

DRAFT MINUTES

**Barrington Conservation Commission
January 16, 2020 6:30 PM
Barrington Elementary School
570 Calef Highway
Barrington, NH 03825**

PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Pam Failing, Vice-chair
John Wallace, alternate
Doug Bogen
Charlie Briggs
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

ABSENT

Anne Melvin
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 January 16, 2020 to order at 6:35.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Chair Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above.

Approval of minutes: John Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2019. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of 5 (five) to 0 (zero) in favor.

Charlie Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of December 26, 2019. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 (four) to 0 (zero) in favor. Pam abstained from voting.

Guests: George Joy-Barrington Police Chief, Tom Smith to observe, Brian Lenzi

New/Old Business:

- **Police Chief Joy** introduced himself and encouraged the CC members to call the police if there is a conservation/easement issue that needs to be addressed.

- John presented on his attendance at the **NHACC conference**. Two of the sessions John attended covered new wetland rules, and John noted that many permits now issued will not require input from the CC. It was also mentioned that Barrington's prime wetland buffer will remain at 100 feet. The need to get the new NRI into the Master Plan was discussed, and it was suggested that the new NRI be presented to the Selectboard and PB.
- **John Wallace made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$53,125.50 from the Conservation Fund for SELT's expenses relating to the Goodwill amendment. The payment should be made to Bruton and Berube, the closing agent. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of 5 (five) to 0 (zero) in favor.** John put this motion in writing at the meeting, and it was signed by all CC members present. This will be reviewed by the Selectboard.
- **Charlie Briggs made a motion to approve \$103.00 from the Conservation Fund to cover the public hearing posting in Fosters (\$75.00) (Seavey Bridge Road parking) and the notification of abutters (\$28.00). Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- Brian (Town Lands Committee) shared Tim Nolan's proposal for the **forestry work**. The TLC and Mr. Nolan have prioritized the (conservation) areas as Goodwill, a part of SATWaSR (Cottontail habitat), and the Town Forest. The Tamposi Stewardship Fund (\$27,000) could be used for work on the Cottontail habitat area. The priorities and goals can be discussed at a future meeting with the Lands Committee and Mr. Nolan. Brian will get dates that work for Mr. Nolan, and then a joint meeting will be arranged.
- Ken will talk with Conner about the **plowing of parking areas**. John suggested putting plowing costs into the annual budget in the future.
- John will arrange for the **CC display** on Primary Day (Feb. 11) and Town Voting Day (March 10).

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

PB: Turbocam-Lots77, 1.2 & 1.4 Revised Plans Charlie pointed out a change to the plans was going from permeable pavement circling the building to impermeable pavement with a drainage system installed. The group reviewed the design and expressed no major concerns with the changes. Pam requested that the town engineer review the plans to see if the treatment of runoff is appropriate, and she wrote this as a memo to the PB.

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)

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

Sightings: A red fox, bobcats, a Coopers hawk, an eagle, and many tracks were reported. Pam shared her experience with unidentified eyes in the night.

John Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.