

**Barrington Conservation Commission
March 24, 2022 7:00 p.m.
IN PERSON LOCATION: Early Childhood Learning Center
77 Ramsdell Lane
Barrington, NH 03825**

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chairman
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Jack Gale
Dan Cassidy (via zoom)
Anne Melvin, alternate
Gary Imbrie, alternate (via zoom)
Jenny Stuart (Member Pending) (via zoom)

ABSENT

Charlie Tatham, alternate
Select Board liaison (pending)
Scott Heron (Alternate Pending)

Call to order Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Chair Ken Grossman called the meeting of March 24, 2022 to order at 7:05.

Delegation of voting members Chair Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above, with Jenny serving as a voting member.

Approval of the March 10, 2022 minutes The minutes of March 10, 2022 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report (Jack Gale)

No new transactions on the BCC account.
Balance remains \$117,860.21

Guests: Barry Gier with Jones and Beach Engineers

David Foote and other Round Pond property owners to speak to expansion of Round Pond

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- **Hunting Permits** Ken has received a request for approval to trim tree branches and cut brush related to a tree stand on SATWaSR. CC members concurred that as the cutting would be minimal the permit could be signed. Anne mentioned that there is a hunting stand on Village Place, and since this is not allowed Anne was asked to put a sign on the stand stating that it should be removed.
- **Goodwill logging project** Members agreed that winter would be the preferable time to continue the cutting on Goodwill.
- **Fred Knecht easement project** Duane Hyde looked at the parcel and indicated that it would be interesting as a donated easement, especially as part of the parcel is a potential Blanding's turtle habitat. Duane also mentioned that the back end of the parcel connects to the Connect the Coast project which SELT is involved with. CC members are planning a site walk on Wednesday, March 30th at 10:30. This will be posted on the town website.

- Expansion of Round Pond Anne explained that the city of Rochester is planning to raise the water level of Round Pond by eight feet in order to double the capacity of the pond, which is a reservoir for the city. This project would necessitate the building of two dams. A member of the attending group shared pictures to show where the eight foot level of rise would impact his property. It was also brought up that Rochester has requested buying ten feet of shoreline from property owners to allow for wave action. Property owners shared concerns with leaving trees in the water on the undeveloped portions of shoreline. Another concern was how this project could affect Berry River which is a tributary to the Isinglass. Ken will speak with Conner and Town Planner Vanessa Price to get more information on this proposed project.
- By-Laws and MoA Ken has requested a meeting with the Select Board to review the documents.
- Wetlands and buffers Ken will speak with Town Planner Vanessa about the Conservation Commission's desire to work with the PB on a value based wetland ordinance.
- Master Plan Jack requested that CC members read Chapter 4 of the Master Plan.
- Ayer's Lake project Dan Cassidy reported that Ayers Lake Association representatives, Camp Fireside representatives and an attorney recently met with DES. A lot of issues were reviewed, and Dan will have an update in the future. Jack mentioned that the town, as the land owner, should be involved in any decisions. Ken would like to be involved in future meetings to represent the CC.
- Richardson Dam SELT, the Town of Barrington, and the engineering firm will have a stakeholder meeting to finalize plans for construction of a 6 foot dam. Dan Cassidy and Ken will attend this meeting
- SATWASR gate and Turtle signs The opening and closing of the gate and the turtle signs are seasonal. With permission from Marc Moreau the turtle signs can be put up and down by designated citizens. Doug will check with John Wallace for the timing of the gate opening and closing on SATWaSR.
- **Jack made a motion to pay \$145.40 to cover the cost of the website's JetPack Backup and the annual bill from Sharp Works (yearly hosting and domain renewal). Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. This motion subsumes the motion of March 10.**

CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

265-11&12-RC-22-SR (Owner: Jeff Sullivan-Rock Iron Repair) Barry Gier with Jones and Beach Engineers. (Map 265 Lots 11 and 12) Mr. Gier explained that he has put in a 9.6 application (conditional use permit for construction of wetland buffer) with the Planning Board for one or possibly two commercial use buildings. The building(s) would be used primarily for storage of equipment with most of the work done off site. The wetland buffer impact, described as minimal (1,390sf), is due to the installation of drainage ditches. It was noted that none of the gravel area would be in the buffer. It is planned to use native plantings for landscaping. Overall comments from the CC were positive. Some members of the CC will be doing individual site walks.

223-26.58&59-RC-22-SR (Owner: Joseph Falzone)- Applicant St. Hilaire Motorsports The CC had no comment.

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. Anne shared that there will be work starting on a bridge (Rte. 202) over the Isinglass.

Sightings included red-tailed hawks (resulting in Doug having one less chicken). The herons and loons have returned, and one very large tom turkey was reported. A lucky deer was rescued in Vermont.. White herons, road runners, desert squirrels, coots, and red-tailed hawks were the sightings from California.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi