

Barrington Conservation Commission
September 17, 2020 7:00 PM

Ken Grossman as Chair of the Barrington Conservation Commission, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this commission is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are *providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:*

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We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the commission have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting as well.

For further security there will be a "waiting room" allow the chair to control entry.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Grossman, Chair
Charlie Briggs
John Wallace, alternate
Dan Ayer
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Anne Melvin, alternate

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of September 17, 2020 to order at 7:04.

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

Guests:

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Derek Small (Wetland Permit-[270 Beauty Hill Rd](#))
Dave Hussey-Greenhill Road (Trinity Conservation)
Michael Flaherty (302 Smoke Street)

Approval of the September 3, 2020 meeting minutes John Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2020, as amended. Dan Ayer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Treasurer's Report (Charlie Briggs) Charlie reported a bank balance of \$13,424.39, with \$10,000 allocated for the Richardson Dam engineering, and \$2,653.57 allocated to SATWASR stewardship.

NEW BUSINESS/Action Items

Mr. Hussey (Greenhill Road) explained that he is the new managing director of Trinity Conservation, and he is working with NRCS (Wetland Reserve Program) and the Army Corp of Engineers to conserve 205 acres. This property has 1 mile of Isinglass River frontage. John suggested that Mr. Hussey get in touch with SELT as it has a lot of data on the property.

Derek Small (Wetland Permit-[270 Beauty Hill Rd](#)) spoke about the minimal impact wetland crossing and boardwalk application which has been submitted to the state. The PB has given approval for this application. After review Charlie stated that it looked like a reasonable approach to crossing the wetland. Ken will sign the permit on behalf of the BCC if a signature is needed.

Michael Flaherty (302 Smoke Street) would like to purchase one acre of land from the town to extend his side property line set back so that an in ground pool could be installed behind his house. Doug questioned if there are wetlands on the acre and if there would be a delineation of wetlands and buffer. John suggested a site visit to look at the property, and Doug and John will do a site walk after scheduling a time with Mr. Flaherty. This request of sale can be revisited at the next CC meeting. Dan mentioned that the Lands Committee had reviewed this request and it feels that the \$2,000 amount Mr. Flaherty had offered for the acre was too low an amount.

2020 614FPH-Hair Salon ([Map 238, Lot 51](#))-0908Documents The BCC had no comments.

2020 556FPH-84 Units ([Map 238, Lot 36](#))-0915Documents Following review of the plans the group expressed concerns with the septic being so close to the wetland and management of storm water runoff. Charlie will write a memo to the PB expressing these concerns.

Monitor the Saulnier/Dolmat easement Charlie and Dan will do the monitoring for the Dolmat easement.

New Commission members John is willing to come back as a full member.

OLD BUSINESS and Updates

At the **meeting with the Board of Selectmen** Ken shared recent activities and projects going forward. The SB is aware of the CC hoping to participate in the Leighton conservation project. In the memorandum of agreement a change was made to add CC maintenance of conserved areas to make it clear that it is the expectation of SB that conservation funds would be available for repair of the Richardson Dam. Ken will clarify with Conner to see if the CC needs to formally vote on the memorandum. Based on conversations with SB Chair Hardekopf and Town Administrator McIver, Ken thought it might be valuable to undertake the development of a strategic plan for conservation in Barrington, for a time when the LUCT is adequate neither for conserving nor maintaining important lands, crucial for recreation and environmental preservation. Ken thought the CC might enlist assistance from Strafford Regional Planning or other agencies. As part of such a plan, the CC might advocate asking the Town, through its planning process, to set aside capital reserve funds to meet these needs

Richardson Dam

Panish Easement

BCC Website

Trails Booklets are now on sale.

Easement monitoring (John)

The SB has expressed support for the little library proposed for Goodwill. John will check with SELT to find out if this project might be incorporated into the forest management plan. Dan offered to sink a 4x4 adjacent to the kiosk to assist with the installation.

Public Concerns

SELECT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Lands Committee, Trails Committee

B) Isinglass River, Oyster River and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees. John said any projects in Lamprey watershed might be able to get grant money through LRLAC.

ONGOING PROJECTS FOR 2020

B) Meeting with Lakes Association

C) Natural Resource Inventory accessibility

D) Easements (Dolmat)

OTHER PROJECTS

forest management for SATWaSR

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Sightings: Spotted were five little bobwhite quail, a few monarch butterflies, an egret, and herons. Perhaps take time to listen to Seals and Crofts - Hummingbird don't fly away fly away Hummingbird don't fly away fly away.

Doug Bogen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Dan Ayer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi