

**Barrington Conservation Commission  
October 1, 2020 6:30 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 October 1, 2020 to order at 6:32.

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

**Guests:** Jack Gale

**Approval of the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes** Dan Ayer made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2020, as amended. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

**Treasurer's Report** (Charlie Briggs)

**NEW BUSINESS/Action Items**

2020\_556FPH-84 Units ([Map 238, Lot 36](#))-Documents added: Stormwater Plan  
Charlie noted that there are three leach fields adjacent to the wetland buffer. He stated that it is not the CC's preference to determine where to put a leach field, but rather it is a suggestion to put the leach fields further away from the buffer. The plans show about half the storm water from building runoff and roadways going into a retention pond, and CC members feel it would be helpful to have more detailed dimensions for the retention pond to assess if it is inside or close to the wetland buffer. Dan commented that the plans do not show a place for snow storage. There was a question of the subdivision being subject to the buffer regulations; this can be answered by the PB. Charlie will write a memo to the PB outlining the concerns regarding the placement of leach fields and the retention pond.

**OLD BUSINESS and Updates**

- Communications and promotion: BCC Website and Facebook Glenn Gould has had a proposal from Marcia Hatch for a new platform at a cost of \$2,000. This can be discussed at the next CC meeting. Jack Gale is willing to work with Glenn on a webpage, and Dan suggested that Jack and Glenn get in touch with the town tech committee. Ken will contact Conner to set this up.
- John announced that he will be retiring from the CC in the next few months. It is anticipated that Glenn Gould will become a full member in the near future.
- Doug and John visited the Flaherty site and determined that where the Flaherty's would like to put in a pool is away from any wetland. To avoid any wetland issues, John suggested Mr. Flaherty request just what is needed for a setback, such as ¼ acre, rather than requesting one acre. Further details on this request will be worked out with the Lands Committee.
- Holly Lane (Newsy family) Ken spoke with Joe Newsy regarding the lot on Holly Lane. The CC will not pursue this for conservation at this time.
- Coe Brown student Amanda Brackett.would like to have the Tiny Library set up at Goodwill by the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Dan is checking with the pole owner to see if it would be possible to put the library box on the abandoned telephone pole at the site.
- There are no new developments on the Richardson Dam.
- Paul Panish will contact the surveyors and get a cost estimate.
- The first printing of the Trails Booklet has been sold out, and John is having more printed.
- Easement monitoring (John)

- John asked if the Trails Committee is considered a sub committee of the CC. Ken believes the Trails Committee is a separate group and would report to the SB.
- The members discussed the Memorandum of Agreement recently approved by the SB. Ken noted that this agreement was not discussed with CC members prior to the SB accepting it, and he would like to have the CC review the memorandum and offer ideas. A concern raised by Ken is that the Land Use Change Tax will eventually diminish but maintenance will continue to be needed, and another method of funding will necessary. Ken suggested putting long range planning for CC funding into the memorandum, and this might include asking citizens for capital reserve funds/bonds. Ken is of the understanding that, at this time, the SB feels that the CC being responsible for maintenance of conserved land precludes other town funds being expended for that purpose. John suggested putting language in the agreement that would allow other town funds to be applied to maintenance so that it is not the sole responsibility of the CC. Charlie questioned if the agreement as written is limiting the CC's discretion of how CC funds may spent. He suggested using the guidelines of the RSA for setting what the CC may and may not spend money on. Dan asked about the possibility of keeping a reserve fund for the CC that is not part of the overall budget. John will share the NH Municipal Conservation Fund Guidebook which has information on the RSA and Conservation Commissions funds. Ken will get in touch with NHACC for more information and ideas.
- Charlie shared that the EPA grant for in lake mitigation of phosphorous contamination in Nippo Lake has been approved. Once the matching funds are raised, the work should start sometime in 2021. This could be a model for towns and lakes to deal with cyanobacteria blooms.

## **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.

### **ONGOING PROJECTS FOR 2020**

- B) Meeting with Lakes Associations
- C) Natural Resource Inventory accessibility
- D) Easements (Dolmat)

### **OTHER PROJECTS**

forest management for SATWaSR

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sightings** included hawks, bluebirds, a pileated woodpecker, and a number of red breasted nuthatches.

**Charlie Briggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lenzi