Barrington Conservation Commission November 5, 2020 7 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

Dan Ayer

Doug Bogen, Vice Chair Anne Melvin, alternate Dan (Cass) Cassidy Jack Gale, alternate Jenny Stuart, alternate

ABSENT Glenn Gould, alternate

John Wallace, alternate

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of November 5, 2020 to order at 7:03.

<u>DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS</u> Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above.

Guests: Chris Berry-213-6-GR-20-Design (Owner: Robert Diberto)

Erik Stevenson and Michael Wright 236-4-GR-20-SR (Owner: Sunset Rock LLC)

Approval of the October 15, 2020 meeting minutes Charlie Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2020 as amended. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> (Charlie Briggs) Charlie reported that the Conservation Fund has a balance of \$18,844.16 as of November 1st. This amount includes \$5,415.00 from the third quarter land use change tax. There is a \$10,000 appropriation for engineering at the Richardson Dam. Also, \$2653.57 is set aside for stewardship at

Barrington Planning Board Meeting Minutes/pl November 5, 2020/pg. 1 of 3 SATWaSR. This leaves a balance of \$6,190.59. It is anticipated that \$190,000 will be coming in from DES upon completion of the Panish easement.

NEW BUSINESS/Action Items

Planning Board Cases on November 3, 2020

238-36-V-20-SR (Owner: Waldron B. Haley Revoc Trust) Charlie asked if the concerns previously raised (the stormwater pond wasn't delineated and the location of septics) were addressed. At another meeting this can be addressed. Ken will check with the PB about updates to this project. In a question related to traffic Dan Ayer responded that it's a state road and an issue for DOT to examine.

<u>223-24&26-RC-20-AmendSub (Owner: Route 125 Development, LLC)</u> The PB has conditionally approved this.

213-6-GR-20-Design (Owner: Robert Diberto) Chris Berry (Berry Surveying and Engineering) presented the plans for a lot on Sloper Road to be subdivided into two lots. He noted that the front section of the property is wetland with less than 3,000 sf impacted. The driveway was constructed prior to the subdivision application so wetland buffers do not apply. Mr. Berry stated that this is a standard permit, so no CC action or signature is needed, but he did want the CC to be aware of the project before receiving a copy of the permit. Dan Ayer spoke as an abutter to the property and said he has no objections. The CC also had no objections. 238-16-V-20-AmendSR (Owner: Drew Pond LLC) The PB has conditionally approved this. 236-4-GR-20-SR (Owner: Sunset Rock LLC) (Tolend Road) Michael Wright and Erik Stevenson This amendment to an existing permit is for adding a 5.5 acre lot to the quarry operated by Brox. The area had been mapped for wetlands in 2009, and at that time no wetlands were associated with the area. Charlie asked about the vegetation and habitat, and Mr. Stevenson said it is forested. Dan Ayer also mentioned that it is a wooded lot. The reclamation plan is that, as part of the existing quarry, the area will most likely be a pond filled mainly by stormwater. This is current with the reclamation plan with the town. Phosphorus leaching might not be a problem as there would be no outflow. An estimated time frame for mining on the site could be over 20-30 years. Dan Ayer spoke in favor of the project as he sees it as having no negative effects to Barrington. It was noted that there is no access off Tolend Road. Ken will send a note to the PB stating the CC finds nothing problematic with the project.

OLD BUSINESS and Updates

- Memorandum of Agreement Ken shared his proposed revisions to the MOA. One suggestion is that the CC project expected costs of stewardship as part of the approval of conservation easements. Also suggested is that it be acknowledged that the CC may have additional funds provided from the town budget through capital reserve funds, bonds, or the operating budget. It was agreed that this coming year is not the time to go to the town for additional funds, but rather the above methods could be available for long term planning. Charlie explained the process for obtaining Land Use Change Tax funds and mentioned that it is very hard to predict when the LUCT will be in effect as it does not come into being until the land is physically modified. There will be a vote on the proposed MOA revisions at the next meeting, and Dan Ayer will let the SB know about this.
- <u>Tiny Library</u> the Tiny Library will be installed on Sunday, November 8. Jack and Dan Ayer are planning to attend.
- Richardson Dam
- Panish Easement Ken shared that the additional surveying cost will be about \$500.00. Ken will check with John Wallace to see if this includes on the ground boundary marking. Charlie Briggs made a motion to appropriate \$500.00 to pay Mitchell and Associates for surveying associated with the Panish easement. Dan Ayer seconded the motion which passed unanimously 5-0 with a roll call The vote. Briggs aye, Cassidy aye, Bogen aye, Ayer aye, Grossman aye.
- <u>Trails Booklet</u> There is \$623.01 going to the Conservation Fund from the sale of the trails booklets. This amount, and any future proceeds, can be accepted at a later meeting. Two hundred more booklets will be printed, and Dan said that for bookkeeping purposes the printing costs should come out of the CC fund. Dan Ayer made a motion to approve an amount from the Conservation Fund not to exceed

\$1200 for the printing of Trails Booklets. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

• <u>Easement monitoring</u> (John) John reported that the Hertel/Farrell, Newhall and Dolmat easements remain to be done.

Public Concerns

SELECT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS Dan Ayer reported that there is \$750.00 in the Land Use budget to be put toward the Trails Committee (\$375) and education (\$375).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Lands Committee, Trails Committee
- B) Isinglass River, Oyster River and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees.

ONGOING PROJECTS FOR 2020

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

OTHER PROJECTS

forest management for SATWaSR

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u> Ken has proposed having meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month starting in January to better coordinate with the Planning Board schedule.

Sightings included a deceased beaver, a lot of birds flocking, a red-tailed hawk, an otter, and a hermit thrush.

Doug Bogen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Jenny Stuart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Lenzi