

MINUTES
Barrington Conservation Commission
March 11, 2021 7:00 p.m.

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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Topic: Conservation Commission

Time: Mar 11, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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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, Chairman
Anne Melvin, alternate
Doug Bogen, Vice Chair
Dan (Cass) Cassidy
Jack Gale, alternate
Charlie Briggs

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate
Jenny Stuart, alternate
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

CALL TO ORDER Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of March 11, 2021 to order at 7:07.

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

Guests: Cynthia Campbell Geocacher, Gary Imbrie to observe

Approval of the February 11, 2021 meeting minutes **Dan Cassidy made a motion approve the minutes of February 11, 2021. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**

Treasurer's Report (Charlie Briggs) Charlie gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Date	Debit/Credit	Amount	Item
1/27	Debit	\$1,157.20	Country Press (Trail Booklets)
1/27	Debit	\$1,500.00	Sharpe Design (Web Site)
1/28	Credit	\$826.50	Current Use LUCT
2/23	Credit	\$1,850.00	Trail booklet income
2/25	Credit	\$1.28	Interest
2/26	Credit	\$3,775.00	Nature Conservancy/Panish Closing
3/4	Credit	\$20,000.00	Moose Plates/GBRPP

Current Balance \$35,595.56

Remaining Appropriations
\$1,702.70 (Richardson Dam engineering)

Restricted Funds
\$2,653.57 (SATWASR stewardship funds)

"Spendable" Balance
\$31,239.29

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Grant Writing
- Membership and Officers It was decided that Ken Grossman will remain as CC chair, Doug Bogen as vice-chair, and Charlie Briggs as treasurer. **Jack Gale made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- Geocache in Town Forest Cynthia Campbell gave a brief explanation of what geocaching is and said that she would like to place a geocache in the Town Forest. Following discussion, **Jack Gale made a motion to allow Cynthia Campbell to place a new geocache in the Barrington Town Forest. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.** CC members agreed that geocaching is an activity that the CC would like to promote; Cynthia sent Jack the name of the app so that this activity can be linked on the CC website, Facebook, etc. Ken will let the SB know that this has been approved.
- Easement Monitoring Plan Approval Jack shared an easement monitoring plan. Charlie suggested an addition to the plan that one does not have to cover an entire property to make an accurate report. He suggested reviewing previous reports and doing the monitoring focusing on what needs to be covered based on the previous findings. The easement monitoring plan will be reviewed and adopted at a future meeting. There was discussion regarding the role of the monitoring subcommittee chair. As outlined in the plan the chair's task would be to remind appropriate individuals or groups what easements need to be monitored and to send out the paperwork, as well as doing record keeping. Ken will check with Conner to see if the town could be the repository for the easement reports. Charlie said emails of completed monitoring reports are sent to the town office, and a physical copies are printed and put in binder in the storage room. Dan Cassidy volunteered to be chair of the easement monitoring subcommittee.
- Trails Committee Status Ken will discuss membership of committees and subcommittees with Conner. Part of this discussion will be whether the trails committee remain as a separate committee or return to the CC as a subcommittee.
- Leighton Forest **Doug Bogen made a motion, subject to the approval of the Select Board, to appropriate a \$10,000 donation to SELT toward the purchase of the Leighton Forest. Dan Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed five (5) to zero (0) on a roll call vote. Grossman – aye, Bogen – aye, Cassidy – aye, Gale – aye, Briggs - aye**
- Tree Stand Permits Stephen and Philip Treadwell **Charlie Briggs made a motion to approve the tree stand applications. Jack Gale seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.**
- By-Laws (*Ken) There was discussion about the number of CC commissioners. Ken will review the CC membership guidelines with Conner.
- Goals for 2021
- Website (Jack Gale) Jack presented updates for the website as follows: 1. We have ever had backup and we should.

JetPack Back Up-makes it easier you all to back up the site. With WordPress sites, it is not like HTML, you can't just back up things. This is a basic backup that comes highly recommended. It is 7.95 a month, if you all pay directly. If we pay directly, we will mark it up 10%.

2. Most legit sites have a security certificate so folks feel comfortable using your site. Your security certificate on Dotster \$40.00/year if you pay. If we pay we mark it up 10%

3. Special extension we found for pdfs and which we had a special chrome work around written. \$35.00—reduced rate of \$20.00. We needed this for the displaying and printing of PDF maps. Chrome is most used browser in US.

Pending invoices, In summary:

Final project payment, soon	\$500
Annual host fee, April	\$50
Jetpack backup, soon (7.95×12×110%)=	\$105/yr
Security cert, soon	\$44/yr
PDF extension, one-time, soon	\$20

Jack Gale made a motion to pay up to \$750.00 in invoices to Sharpe Works for the website work. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Jack noted that the new website is up and running with more color and more news. Glenn and Jack are now able to add items.

- Turbocam Easement (Jenny Stuart)
- Co-occurrence maps (Dan Cassidy)
- Richardson Dam (Dan Ayer)
- Duck Boxes (Dan Cassidy)
- Trails Booklet

Public Concerns

SELECT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Lands Committee, Trails Committee
- a)Isinglass River Advisory Committee: Anne Melvin and Gary Imbrie went on site walk for the proposed building along the Isinglass. Gary Imbrie is a new member of the Isinglass River Advisory Committee.
- b)Oyster River and Lamprey River Local Advisory Committees

ONGOING PROJECTS FOR 2021

A) Meeting with Lakes Associations

B) Natural Resource Inventory accessibility

OTHER PROJECTS

forest management for SATWaSR

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sightings: Spring brings bluebirds checking out nesting spots, vociferous barred owls, the return of red-winged blackbirds, and coyotes howling.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi