

Barrington Conservation Commission
February 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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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
Jenny Stuart, alternate

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate
Charlie Briggs
Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

CALL TO ORDER Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of January 14, 2021 to order at 7:05.

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

Guests: Ginna Schonwald and Rebecca Butcher from Library Foundation, Gary Imbrie to observe

Approval of the January 14, 2021 meeting minutes Doug Bogen made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2021. Jack Gale 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

- Ginna Schonwald explained that the Library group is doing listening sessions with community groups in order to learn what the community and town groups are looking for from the Library. To gain feedback she went over questions pertaining to how the library is used, what is needed in the future, and what suggestions might be for successfully passing the bond in the future. It was mentioned that the Library website has provided a space for notification of hikes. Comments from CC members stressed the need for a community space. For CC purposes this could be not only for meetings and presentations, but also as a spot for displays (e.g. maps). A suggestion was made that the library might be involved with providing some after school programming. Rebranding the library more toward a community center was offered as an idea to help pass the bond.
- Planning Board before the Board on March 2, 2021
Venture Powersports-7 Tolend Road ([Map 220, Lot 50](#)) The BCC has no comment.
The Village at Barrington Square-Christmas Lane & NH Route 9 ([Map 235, Lots 1.1 & 3](#))
Jack had questions regarding the delineation of septic and water on the plans, and Ken's note to the PB will note that further clarification of septic and water plans is suggested. It was also mentioned that a projected increase in traffic will need to be closely studied. There was discussion about the pros and cons of cluster housing and housing units as opposed to typical subdivisions.
- Grant Writing_ Doug has offered to help the CC with grant writing, and John Wallace has offered to assist any member interested in learning about how grant writing is done.
- Membership and Officers After town meeting BCC membership and officers can be established.

OLD BUSINESS and Updates

- By-Laws (Ken) Ken reiterated the need to review our by-laws in Spring.
- Goals for 2021 There was discussion of the ideas Jack submitted for goals (A-E below), and CC members added another goal (F). The question of the Trails Committee being part of the CC was brought up.
 - A. Revision of BCC bylaws, including the MOU.
 - B. Achieve some financial stability and foundation to ensure we can support our responsibilities.
 - C. Create a team approach to facilitate easement monitoring.
 - D. Increase public awareness, "education and enlightenment", of conservation activities via a revised website and greater social media activity.
 - E. Create and share a detailed inventory of Barrington's natural resources, with support for trail maintenance and construction.
 - F. Create a team approach to facilitate grant writing.
- Website (Jack Gale) Ken and John Wallace are previewing the new website for feedback. Others interested in previewing the site can let Jack know.
- Turbocam Easement (Jenny Stuart) Jenny met with Melody at Turbocam to give suggestions for maintenance of the easement. Following is Jenny's summary of her recommendations:
 - Melody is already taking great steps by turning the slope next to the easement into a meadow, reducing the mowing and potential for gas/oil leaking.
 - a) Many of the trails could use more upkeep, maybe creating new trails. Needs more/better signage. I suggested some signage on the watershed near the bridge to educate people.
 - b) The boy scouts can maybe help maintain the bridge they built as time goes on.
 - c) There were many areas I felt could be underplanted with some native shrubs/perennials, especially some areas near the water to help with erosion, maybe deter too much disturbance by people but covering more of the slopes. Maybe more of a buffer in some areas.
 - d) I thought it may be helpful to have a biologist come in to do a survey of wildlife and how best to protect it.
 - e) Maybe work with employees to form an invasive group to monitor and address issues if they arise. (Melody mentioned buckthorn is already an issue)
- Co-occurrence maps (Dan Cassidy) Dan Cassidy did a PDF co-occurrence map with a tax map overlay of town owned land. He will forward this to Anne and Dan Ayer to see if this is helpful.
- Duck Boxes (Dan Cassidy) Gary Imbrie and Dan hope to install the duck boxes after ground thaw.

- Richardson Dam (Dan Ayer)
- Trails Booklet
- Easement Monitoring There is a workshop on easement monitoring and attending members can be reimbursed. Interested members can let Ken know.

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.
Anne Melvin recruited Gary Imbrie to serve on IRLAC.

ONGOING PROJECTS FOR 2020

- A) Meeting with Lakes Associations
- B) Natural Resource Inventory accessibility

OTHER PROJECTS

forest management for SATWaSR

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sightings included bald eagles “shadowing” the ice fisherman on Ayers and a bobcat.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi