# Meeting Minutes Barrington Conservation Commission April 8, 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 Jack Gale, alternate

Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison

Charlie Briggs

ABSENT Glenn Gould, alternate

Jenny Stuart, alternate Dan (Cass) Cassidy

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of April 8, 2021 to order at 7:03.

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

Guests: Gary Imbrie to observe

<u>Approval of the March 25, 2021 meeting minutes</u> Charlie Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2021. Anne Melvin 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 report as follows:

Date Debit/Credit Amount Item

/4 Credit \$20,000.00 Moose Plates/GBRPP

3/?? Credit \$3.23 Interest

3/?? Credit \$800.00 Trail Booklets

Current Balance \$36,398.79

Remaining Appropriations \$1,702.70 (Richardson Dam engineering) \$10,000.00 (SELT/Leighton) \$1,200.00 (Printing Trail Booklets) \$40.00 (SPNHF mapping app)

\$12,942.70 - Total Unexpended Appropriations

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

"Spendable" Balance \$20.802.52

#### **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

- Richardson Dam engineering report After review of the report, Dan Cassidy suggested that there should be more review of the engineering estimates. Charlie Briggs made a motion that the BCC agrees with the recommended options, these being to reconstruct at the current spillway elevation and slightly lower the earthen part of one side on the dam which would make it non-jurisdictional and non-hazardous. The town's new engineering firm should be used for future work. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Grossman aye, Briggs aye, Gale aye, Bogen aye, Ayer aye. Before moving ahead with the design process SELT and NHDES Dam Bureau will need to agree with the recommendation.
- <u>Camp Fireside inquiry</u> It was brought to the attention of the CC that at a spot adjacent to the Camp Fireside beach people are informally launching boats. The Ayers Lake Association and Camp Fireside are uncomfortable with this arrangement and would like input from the CC on this issue. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- ARM grant update Doug shared that the state has taken another look at eligibility and there are now 8 sites in Barrington that meet the criteria. While the Richardson Dam is not on the eligibility list, CC members expressed that there are circumstances that could give the dam consideration, one being a public safety issue. Doug will put together a Richardson dam draft application to be discussed at the next meeting.
- By-Laws update Recommendations made about the trails committee should be incorporated into the by-laws.
- <u>Trails Committee update</u> A question of the town's liability for work on trails has come up, and related to this Conner has suggested it would be good to have trails committee members appointed by the SB. Volunteers should also be noted.
- Website update The site is up and running.
- Easement monitoring update SELT has indicated that it would like its properties monitored by Jan. 2022

## **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**

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

### **OTHER PROJECTS**

forest management for SATWa0053R

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sightings were a baby beaver, lots of ducks, hawks, eagles, and a spring warbler.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

