Barrington Conservation Commission April 22, 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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MEMBERS PRESENT

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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.

Ken Grossman, Chairman Anne Melvin, alternate Doug Bogen, Vice Chair Jack Gale, alternate Dan Ayer, Select Board liaison Charlie Briggs Dan Cassidy

ABSENT

Glenn Gould, alternate Jenny Stuart, alternate

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of April 22, 2021 to order at 7:02.

DELEGATION OF VOTING MEMBERS Ken Grossman confirmed the presence of members as above.

Guests: Rob Lyons, Executive Director, Camp Fireside and Marcia Allison, Chair Person Camp Fireside

<u>Approval of the April 8, 2021 meeting minutes</u> Dan Ayer made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2021. 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) As an update to Charlie's report (below) an invoice (\$1805) for engineering at the Richardson Dam was received. Charlie stated that it needs to be sorted out on what has been spent so far for Richardson. Dan Ayer made a motion to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$1900 for the engineering on Richardson Dam, contingent on Charlie's review of the expenditures. Dan Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

SELT/Leighton check issued this month.

Date Debit/Credit Amount Item 4/xx Credit \$30,021.16 Q1 Current Use Penalties Current Balance \$66,419.95

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

\$50,824.43

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- <u>Camp Fireside inquiry</u> Rob Lyons explained that Camp Fireside is looking for guidance on the issue of launching trailers using the clearing next to the camp. Problems associated with this boat launch area are: vehicles/trailers blocking the road, campers being forced into the road, litter, erosion, boats coming too close to swimmers creating a safety issue, and the possibility of introducing milfoil and other invasives. It was pointed out that this is Camp Fireside's private property with an easement that allows access with the owner's permission, and at the current time it is unauthorized access with inadequate parking. Mr. Lyons stated that the Camp would like to prohibit trailered boats and allow only carry in boats, such as kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards. Dan Ayer said the police can enforce the road as to no parking, and it is posted. It was suggested that Camp Fireside inform the Select Board of the intent to block trailer access, and Jack suggested that the Ayers Lake Association provide a letter to the SB in support of Camp Fireside actions. Dan Cassidy, as a member of the Ayers Lake Association, spoke in favor of this. All commissioners and alternates expressed support for both Camp Fireside and Ayer's Lake Association in their efforts to protect the lake and public safety.
- <u>Revisions to Easement Monitoring Plan</u> Recognizing that monitoring training would be helpful, Charlie Briggs made a motion to have Dan Cassidy set up a monitoring training session with John Wallace for interested CC members. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor. Ken mentioned that if subcommittees meet outside of a CC meeting the minutes/report of the subcommittee should be incorporated in the following CC minutes.
- <u>ARM grant</u> Doug reviewed the criteria for funding and how these might fit into a proposal for the Richardson Dam. Doug will update Duane Hyde (SELT) and Dan Ayer will update the SB on this proposal. This proposal will be discussed at a future meeting in May.
- <u>Web update</u> Jack recommended that the final bill for the website be paid.
- <u>SELT inquiry</u> It was brought up that the USA Springs property is up for sale. The section in Barrington could be taken for taxes, and SELT has indicated that it is interested in this property as it is close to Stonehouse Forest. This would go through the Lands Committee.
- <u>Hemlock infestation of Wooly Adelgid</u> This is now so common that it is no longer reported to the state.
- <u>Goodwill forestry work will start soon</u>.

NEW CASES BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD ON MAY 4, 2021

250-89-RC-21-SR (Owner: Lloyd Brower-BYNT Property Management) Kozys Pizza Dan Ayer abstained from this discussion as he is working on the project. Charlie Briggs and Dan Cassidy indicated they saw no problems with the plans as presented. The CC had no further comments.

263-28-RC-21-SR (Owner: Jon Chinburg) It was noted that the project is outside the wetland buffer except for one small turn around on the driveway. Charlie said it looked like a minor infringement, but it would be good to avoid the wetland if possible. Charlie will put this in a memo to the PB.

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 2021

A) Meeting with Lakes AssociationsB) Natural Resource Inventory accessibility

OTHER PROJECTS

forest management for SATWa0053R

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sightings were (a very fat) woodchuck, a hermit thrush, yellow rumped warblers, and hooded mergansers. It was also mentioned that the loons are very active.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Lenzi