

Barrington Conservation Commission
May 7, 2020 6:30 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.

PRESENT	Ken Grossman, Chairman
	Anne Melvin, alternate
	John Wallace, alternate
	Charlie Briggs
	Tom Smith
	Doug Bogen
	Glenn Gould, alternate

ALSO PRESENT	Pam Failing
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ABSENT	Dan Ayer
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CALL TO ORDER

Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) Ken Grossman called the meeting of May 7, 2020 to order at 6:40.

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

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Anne Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2020 as amended. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Briggs – aye, Smith – aye, Grossman – aye, Bogen – aye, Melvin - aye

GUESTS

A) Charlie Briggs, Lynda Brushett Nippo Pond

Treasurer's Report

(Tom) (only available balance for Conservation Commission use)

Tom reported \$12,615 in the Conservation Fund. It is anticipated to have \$190,000 come in from the grant (NH Groundwater/Drinking Water Trust Fund). Tom will check on the anticipated amount for the land use change tax of 2019.

ACTION ITEMS

- A) Review of Nippo Lake Association Proposal (available 5/6) Charlie recused himself from the BCC to address this issue. John may vote. Charlie and Lynda Brushett have put together a pre application for a grant from DES to purchase an easement on the Landry parcel. The Landry family has been contacted and has expressed an interest in putting an easement on the property. The easement on the conserved land is proposed to be held by SELT, but this is not definite at this time. Should the proposal move forward details will be worked out. The Nippo Lake Association is the applicant. Ken and John suggested that the application stress the development threat to the property and how this would impact the lake. **John Wallace made a motion to have a letter of support from the BCC written to DES strongly supporting the conservation of the land and the proposal to do so by the Nippo Lake Association. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Grossman – aye, Wallace – aye, Bogen – aye, Smith – aye, Melvin – aye.** Charlie rejoined the group as a voting member. Ken will write the letter.
- B) Review of Forestry Plans for Town Forest and Goodwill Easement
- i) The group reviewed and discussed the forestry plan provided for the **Town Forest**. Following review the members concurred that the benefit to timber harvesting at this time would be minimal and would not outweigh the damage to trails and the overall difficulty of the operation. It was mentioned that there could be work done on trail maintenance and small cuttings to enhance wildlife habitat. John pointed out that Swain Road is a class VI road, not a class V, at the entrance to the TF.
 - ii) The members also discussed and reviewed the **Goodwill easement forestry plan**. Pam questioned having a focus on commercial timber harvest on conservation lands. Ken and Anne pointed out that the harvesting is connected to enhancing wildlife habitat and sustainability. The members agreed that in the near term it would consider in part or in total timber harvesting as outlined in the plan presented. Ken will be asking for volunteers to blaze trees for boundary marking, and John will be bringing information on the location of cellar holes. There was a suggestion to have language for logging access be put into the easement with Paul Panish, and the access can be noted on the survey plan. John will contact Paul Panish and Tim Nolin to determine access across the Panish land.
- C) Approve payment for invoice from Sharpe Works Strategic Design \$75.00
Doug Bogen made a motion to pay the invoice for \$75.00 from the education line of the land use budget. Charlie Briggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a

roll call vote. Grossman – aye, Briggs – aye, Bogen – aye, Smith – aye, Melvin - aye It was noted that this will not come out of the Conservation Fund. Tom will let Barbara know of this vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) **220-29-RC-20-SR (Owners: Wanda Lee & Richard A. Walker, Jr)** Request by applicant Jesse Anderson for proposed construction of a welding and fabrication building with associated parking on Colonial Way (Map 220, Lot 29) on a 5.59-acre lot in the Regional Commercial Zoning District. BCC members noted that this is a pre-existing lot and wetland buffer requirements do not apply. However, the group feels that it would be beneficial to make any possible adjustments to minimize the buffer impact, and questions were raised about how wetland protection would be managed during the construction phase. Charlie will write a note to the PB expressing the concerns with buffer impact and the risk to wetlands during construction.

OLD BUSINESS

- A) BCC Website Glenn reported that the domain has been renewed for 12 months. He explained to the group that the domain was built on a platform around 2010 and is no longer supported by Apple. Glenn suggested moving to a different platform and having it hosted by the town or Sharp Works. This can be reviewed at the first BCC meeting in June. There was discussion about modernizing the site, and Glenn mentioned providing virtual walks or adding video to a new site.
- B) Easement monitoring
- C) Collaboration with lands com and UNH-cooperative extension on Rabbit habitats at Tamposi

SELECT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Lands Committee, Trails Committee
- B) Islinglass River Local Advisory Committee (IRLAC, Oyster River Local Advisory Committee
- C) (ORLAC), Lamprey River LAC

ONGOING PROJECTS FOR 2020

- A) (reports by designated committee member for each item)
- B) Trails Booklet
- C) Meeting with Lakes Association
- D) Natural Resource Inventory accessibility,
- E) Easements (Dolmat)

OTHER PROJECTS

forest management for SATWaSR, Conservation projects at Beardon property, Young Rd (Doug), 30 acres

DATES TO REMEMBER

- A) April 7, 2020 meeting with Planning Board-**POSTPONED LATER DATE**

Easements:

Sightings included a black bear, baltimore orioles, ducklings, purple finches, hummingbirds, a snowshoe hare, a bald eagle, warblers, hawks (a red-tailed, broad-winged, and possibly a coopers), and turtles.

Doug Bogen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Anne Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lenzi