

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 1, 2018

7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL

Members present: Rodney Parlee, Alan Bicknell, Peter Van Dine; Brenda Cataldo arrived at 8:15

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order - Chairman Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting on September 10, 2018

Motion was made by Bicknell, seconded by Van Dine, to approve the regular meeting minutes.
Passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Comment - None

3.0 Correspondence

Photo of Notch Road Fire Cistern

2004 Aerial Photo of Notch Pond

2009 Box Turtle Habitat Assessment by M. Wright

CT Wildlife Magazine

Photo of Dr. Robert Bagchi's woodland marker concerning Forest Fragmentation research

4.0 Financial Report

Clerk's salary and Calendar ad deposit were noted.

P.O.'s for Calendar and Brochure printing have been approved.

All calendar ad revenues were received.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Proofs of the three brochures were reviewed and edits were proposed.

5.2 Final calendar edits were made and Cataldo should be able to send the 2019 calendar to the printer before the next meeting.

5.3 Consensus decision to include a fund raising envelope and "A Guide to Recycling" in the calendar was reached.

5.4 Parlee will attempt to make certain that the kiosk and gate to Freja Park shall be restored before the contractor leaves the new bike path site. These items are essential to the safe operation of the park. The Commission will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Freja Park at several events during 2019. This celebration should start with Winter Trails Day on January 12 and certainly include the Earth Day Fairy House event.

5.5 The fall data collection and reset of the stream temperature monitors will take place on October 3 and 14 by Van Dine, Bicknell, and Parlee.

6.0 New Business

6.1 The Fall Foliage Hike is scheduled for Saturday October 20 at 1:00 p.m. Two potential speakers were identified to be contacted by Van Dine and Parlee. If neither is available a member of the Commission give a presentation.

6.2 Plans were made for the annual RBV. The volunteers will meet at Cataldo's garage at 10:00 a.m. Sunday November 4. Pizza is planned at lunch time. A review of equipment needs was made.

- 6.3** Parlee, Cataldo, and Bicknell will attend the annual CACIWC Conference on November 17. Motion was made by Van Dine, seconded by Bicknell, to appropriate \$180 for discounted early registration. Passed unanimously
- 6.4** Bicknell reported on monitoring the trails at Freja and Herrick Parks. Some rubbish was found at Freja and the commission was reminded to always carry garbage bags when hiking. The first section of the Bates Trail at Herrick was found to be very wet and improvement work is called for. Parlee spoke to reasons for being friendly and outgoing when meeting other hikers on the trails.
- 6.5** No real progress has been made with open space mapping. Parlee will forward digital copies of both the old and newly acquired open space parcels to Van Dine. One purpose is to document how close Bolton is coming to the goal of 21% protected open space by 2021.
- 6.6** The next BLWCA meeting is on October 4 at NCCD. Prof. Thorson of UConn has identified a graduate student to perform a project to determine the nature of the substrate of the Atlantic White Cedar stand in Upper Bolton Lake. This project will be done in conjunction with NRCS, and a kick off meeting will be held on October 22 at the NRCS offices. We have been asked to gather any information we may have concerning the AWC and forward it to the project through Van Dine.

The Friends of Bolton Lakes Annual Fall Forum will be held at the Bolton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on October 22. A short business meeting for FBL will precede the meeting at 6:30.

While Lower Bolton Lake enjoyed relatively good conditions for most of summer, the first week in September brought a cyanobacteria bloom closing the lake to swimming. This bloom coincided with the cooling of the lake surface and the beginning of the fall turnover. This bloom has now subsided enough to reopen the lake. Confusion between the Eastern Highlands and North Central Health Districts as to which organization was to close which lake only highlighted the need for a single point of management for the Bolton Lakes Chain. The Commission was reminded that under the current POCD it has the responsibility to identify and recommend such a system.

7.0 Motion was made by Bicknell, seconded by Cataldo, to approve the clerk's invoice. Passed unanimously.

8.0 Motion was made by Bicknell, seconded by Van Dine, to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

