

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 Monday, July 9, 2018-7:00 p.m.
 Town Hall

Members present: Chair Rodney Parlee, Peter Van Dine and Brenda Cataldo

Others Present: Alan Bicknell (arrived at 7:31), Recording Secretary Leslie Brand

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order: R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda: B. Cataldo moved to accept the agenda as presented. P. Van Dine seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

1.3 Minutes Approval of June 4, 2018 Regular Meeting:

The following amendments were made:

Photo titles from the 2018 contest were added as noted in bold below:

Beauty of Open Space:

1st place –**“Milky Way over Heritage Farm”** \$75.00 LLBean Gift Card - Cliff Manzone

2nd place –**“I smell Autumn in the Air”**Red Twig Dogwood - Alan Brewer

3rd place –**“Indian Notch State Park”** Custom Bolton Earth Day T-Shirt - Steven Kornfeld

Beauty of Nature and Wildlife:

1st place –**“Spring is here on the Hop”** Flowering Dogwood Tree - Sylvia Ounpuu

2nd place –**“Bluebird Kiss”**Franklinia Tree - Pam Yonika

3rd place –**“Humming Along”** Custom Bolton Earth Day T-Shirt - Donna Miner

People in the Environment:

1st place –**“My Rock”**Flowering Dogwood Tree - Margaret McGuire

2nd place –**“Awe Shucks”** Franklinia Tree - Kate Duffy

3rd place –**“The Nightly Neighborhood Frog Count”** Custom Earth Day T-Shirt - Scott Livingston

Examples of Green Living:

1st place –**“Rail Trails are for Bicycling Too!”** \$75.00 LLBean Gift Card - Scott Livingston

2nd place –**“Better for the Environment”**Blackhaw Viburnum Shrub – Sylvia Ounpuu

3rd place –**“Just the Beginning”**Custom Bolton Earth Day T-Shirt – Garrett Hovan

Under 4.0 Financial Report-Add “Approval for Expenditure” before the motion to spend \$24.19 and Remove: Committee balance was \$3,900.00 at the beginning of fiscal year. It is \$4,200.00 at the end of the fiscal year.

Under 5.3 Trails Day Results-Correct vernal pool to Railroad Bridge and amend “as the sweep person” to “as one of the sweep people”.

Under 6.1-Correct the spelling of Lombardy Ridge to Lombardi Ridge in two places. Add “a portion of” to the sentence “There is no plan to clear cut the property.

Under 6.5-Correct DEEP to CTDEEP in two places.

P. Van Dine motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by B. Cataldo. Motion carried 3:0:0.

2.0 Public Comment- B. Cataldo noted that there have been people swimming and using the beach area at the Bolton Lake boat launch. The parking lot fills up and makes it impossible to launch a boat. This is a no swimming zone. CTDEEP dispatch would need to be contacted for a resolution.

- 3.0 Correspondence**
1. Study from UCONN Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology regarding ecological research on Forest Fragmentation
 2. Letter from Town Clerk regarding the Bolton Town Charter. Officers (Chairman and Vice Chairman) must be elected in the form of a motion and must be voted upon.
 3. Letter from Jan Carlow thanking the BCC for support of the 2018 Bolton Family Day
 4. Letter from the EDC regarding the new Welcome to Bolton signs
 5. BCC Photo Contest Flyer
 6. Request for donation to the CT Land Conservation Council
 7. ARC News
 8. ESRI News for State & Local Government

4.0 Financial Report P. Van Dine submitted the report and noted that conference registration fees may go up this year. P. Van Dine moved to spend \$25.00 for membership to the CLCC. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0. Discussion ensued regarding fund raising. R. Parlee suggested putting a note on each of the commission's brochures asking for donations.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Brochures Production-B. Cataldo noted that photo quality is best on glossy paper. The "Deadwood" brochure will be photocopied on recycled glossy paper. A statement will be added to all brochures near the contact information-"Help support our activities and donate to CC. Please make checks payable to Town of Bolton CC". The brochures need to be redone for Freja Park (for the 50th anniversary) and for the vernal pools. R. Parlee will develop a brochure for potential commission members.

5.2 Open Space Mapping-Results of parcel inventory were reviewed. Lots over 25 acres with no dwelling were highlighted. There is an upcoming State of CT goal to mandate a certain percentage of land for open space. As time allows, P. Van Dine will begin work on documenting the current open space in Bolton using the Town website link to CRCOG and the UCONN CLEAR website. There are currently no members on the Open Space Committee.

5.3 Freja/Herrick/BNSP Trails-R. Parlee and A. Bicknell reviewed trails in Freja Park. R. Parlee will Email Ed Steele (Scout Leader) with a proposed work day of Saturday, September 8th with a backup date of Saturday, September 22nd. Potential projects include digging out and/or replacing the cedar water bars. Invasives, particularly Russian Olive need to be removed. B. Cataldo suggested creating a garden using the leftover plants from the plant sale. B. Cataldo to check prices at Cropley's to purchase 4 cedar posts (5-6 feet each) for the water bars. The trail markers in the park are good. Herrick Park and BNSP need to be re-walked and re-blazed. Yellow is not a good color for blazes.

5.4 Freja 50th Anniversary- The kiosk should be restored, the brochure should be ready and a date needs to be set for the grand opening. Potentially October 20th for a peak foliage hike.

5.5 Notch Pond-R. Parlee asked about this at the Land Use committee meeting. The State doesn't want to fix the dam and the Town has no money or interest in fixing the dam. R. Parlee noted that perhaps

the BCC can apply for a grant to fix this as it is point source contamination. Salts, oil, grease, gas and other pollutants are running into a delta at south end of Notch Pond. It is a DOT issue where there could be possible funding. Sediment is related to pond becoming shallow. The CC will survey the area in kayaks or canoes on Friday, July 27th at 4:00p.m. B. Cataldo will take underwater photos and R. Parlee will follow up with the CTDOT.

5.6 Recycle Challenge-Deb Livingston forwarded Rod an Email agreeing that children do not recycle. They find it frustrating and that is why it is not done. R. Parlee suggested working with teachers and Ray Boyd. B. Cataldo got small replicas of curbside containers. R. Parlee noted that they need small items to use for the recycling challenge and/or develop a laminate to hand out with pictures of recycling items to put on top of trash cans.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Clarify Categories and Kick-off 18th Annual Photo Contest-

After discussion R. Parlee proposed the following categories: Nature and Wildlife, Beauty of Open Space, People and the Environment, Green Living and Farming along with the caveat that while the submitter can choose a category, the Commission will reserve the right to re-categorize it.

P. Van Dine moved to kick off the 18th annual contest, changing the categories and the rules. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

6.2 Results of BoS and Land Use Commissions-R. Parlee found this to be a productive way to exchange ideas and meet other committee members. There is pressure on the P&Z Commission to promote commercial development with tax incentives. Working with existing businesses may be more productive. This meeting could be more open to the public by posting an agenda.

6.3 2018-19 Calendar Production Schedule-B. Cataldo and R. Parlee reviewed meeting dates for The CC, Inland Wetlands and FBL. Special dates i.e. Bolton Lake Sailing Club regatta, Trails Day, full moons will be included. P. Van Dine moved to approve the dates for 2019. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0. A draft of the calendar will be ready for the August 13th CC meeting with printing done by the end of the month. B. Cataldo will call on businesses to put information on the back of the calendar for a \$100.00 donation.

6.4 Summer Stream Temperature Monitoring-P. Van Dine would like to have a temperature monitor Between Middle and Lower Pond. The CTDEEP offered to sell the shuttles for \$100.00 each. R. Parlee noted that educated volunteers (citizen science) may be a good resource for researching pond and lake data. Lakes Awareness Week is July 15-22. July is Federal Lakes Awareness Month.

6.5 BLWCA Meeting on July 11, 2018- Will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Reins Deli. Eleven people from four towns are scheduled to meet. A letter promoting the BLWCA will be drafted. As a non-profit the BLWCA can apply for grants.

6.6 Election of Officers-B. Cataldo moved to nominate and re-elect R. Parlee as Chairman. P. Van Dine seconded. Motion carried 2:0:1 (R. Parlee abstained). B. Cataldo moved to nominate and re-elect P. Van Dine as Vice Chairman and Treasurer. R. Parlee seconded. Motion carried 2:0:1 (P. Van Dine abstained).

7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice-R. Parlee moved to approve the clerk's invoice as submitted. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

2.0 Adjournment - P. Van Dine moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Brand

Leslie J. Brand

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