

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday August 13, 2018

7:00 PM

Notch Road Municipal Center - Room 9

Members Present: Chair Rodney Parlee, Alan Bicknell, Brenda Cataldo and Peter Van Dine

Others Present: Recording Secretary Leslie Brand

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1.2 Minutes Approval of July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting

The following amendments were made:

Under 1.3/5.3 amend Railroad Bridge to Railroad Brook Bridge

Under 6.4 correct the second sentence to read "The monitors are available from the manufacturer for about \$100.00 each."

P. Van Dine moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by B. Cataldo. Motion carried 4:0:0

2.0 Public Comment

None

3.0 Correspondence

"The Habitat" Spring/Summer 2018 (A newsletter of the Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc.) R. Parlee suggested that all members take the Aquifer Training Course that is mentioned on Page 7.

Thank you card from the Bike Walk Bolton committee.

Letter received from Mike Palazzi (chairman of the Andover Conservation Commission) asking for info on the Nathan Hale Greenway from Andover to Bolton particularly the Bear Swamp area. Map titled "Remaining Land Phase 1 Grading Plan" regarding the latest conservation easement near Bolton Dental.

Desk caddy set of mini trash and recycling bins with working lids and wheels.

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Appropriate funds for CACIWC Membership

P. Van Dine motioned to appropriate \$60.00 for annual membership to CACIWC. Seconded by B. Cataldo. Motion passed 4:0:0.

4.2 Consider Appropriation for Notch Pond Water Testing

P. Van Dine looked through the Phoenix Environmental Labs website to see what tests they offer. The CTDEEP should be contacted to see what tests they recommend. The Notch Pond is not designated on either of the two MS4 maps on the CTDEEP website as a recreational pond. Storm water is running into the pond from 384 or 6/44 (State roads). The BCC will review

the runoff from the highway by kayak and canoe on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of Friday, August 31, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. A catch pail would have to be put under a grate during a storm to test runoff.

Appropriation of funds is pending further research.

4.3 Other Appropriations

No other appropriations. P. Van Dine distributed the budget report. A. Bicknell made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by B. Cataldo. Motion passed 4:0:0.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Brochures Production

B. Cataldo noted that the printing estimate for 3 brochures of 100 each is \$50.00 per lot.

R. Parlee asked B. Cataldo to have a draft copy of the deadwood and vernal pool brochures scanned and sent out before the next meeting so the committee can review and vote on them.

5.2 Open Space Mapping

P. Van Dine is working on this. R. Parlee to forward him additional info regarding open space requirements. Parcel evaluation map needs to be combined with DOT map and Open Space map.

5.3 Freja/Herrick/BNSP Trails

A. Bicknell to commit to walking the trails on a monthly basis to monitor for trash, damage, etc.

B. Cataldo motioned to officially name A. Bicknell "Trail Monitor". Seconded by P. Van Dine. Motion passed 4:0:0

5.4 Freja 50th Anniversary

BCC will plan a celebration in the Spring of 2019 on Earth Day unless the Town is planning something earlier. A mycologist would be an interesting addition for this event or for Foliage Day.

5.5 Recycle Challenge

BCC is looking for mini replicas of trash and recyclables i.e. pizza boxes, yogurt containers, etc. for demonstration purposes. The challenge will be planned for the next tabling event.

6.0 New Business

6.1 2018-19 Calendar Dates, Production, Funding and Circulation

Obtaining business sponsorship is ongoing. Monthly pages of dates were circulated for review.

The 2019 dates for the BCC meetings are proposed as follows:

January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 7 and December 2. Meetings are held on Monday with the exception of November 7 which is a Thursday. Most meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. P. Van Dine motioned for these dates to be proposed to Town Clerk for BCC meetings in 2019. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed 4:0:0.

Pictures were not printed out but were reviewed on Brenda's computer. October and November pictures will be switched. R. Parlee to write a calendar letter and a disclaimer will be added that dates are subject to change. A collage of photos also needs to be put together. Printing will be done by the end of August.

A. Bicknell motioned to request a purchase order not to exceed \$850.00 for printing costs out of the Conservation Commission activity fund. Seconded by P. Van Dine. Motion passed 4:0:0.

6.2 Notch Pond Canoe/Kayak

To be held on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of Friday, August 31, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

6.3 Nathan Hale Greenway

At least one member of the BCC should attend the meeting on this Greenway and someone should walk the trail. It should be blue blazed.

6.4 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Workshop – 9/17

P. Van Dine may attend.

6.5 Summer Stream Temperature Monitoring

P. Van Dine reports that streams are gushing so there has been no monitoring. Riffle bioassessment pictures are needed for official records.

6.6 Results of BLWCA Meeting on July 11, 2018

R. Parlee noted that 3 towns were in attendance: Bolton, Tolland and Vernon. Talked about proposed culvert modifications. P. Van Dine will coordinate next month's meeting. He is looking for a theme and a speaker.

Date to be determined based on the availability of speakers. Potential dates are September 4, 5, or 6.

7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

P. Van Dine motioned to approve the clerk's invoice as submitted. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion Carried 4:0:0

8.0 Adjournment

A. Bicknell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion carried 4:0:0

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Brand

Leslie J. Brand

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.

