

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL

Members Present: Chairman Rodney Parlee, Alan Bicknell, Brenda Cataldo and Peter Van Dine (arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

Others Present: Jean Laughman and Recording Secretary Leslie Brand

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1.2 Minutes Approval of April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

A. Bicknell moved to approve the minutes as presented. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Comment: None

3.0 Correspondence

Flyer with plastic film recycling rules

Sympathy card was circulated for the family of Elna Dimock

R. Parlee received an Email from S. Pierog regarding the placement of a port-a-potty in the Notch. Private contributions were received to make this possible.

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 ARC View GIS Online \$100

One year subscription is \$100 per computer. This includes a personal license but no support package. A. Bicknell moved to appropriate \$200 from the Conservation Activity Fund for two ARC View GIS licenses-one for R. Parlee and the other for P. Van Dine. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Payroll

P. Van Dine spoke with S. Pierog regarding the transfer of funds for payroll. P. Van Dine moved to proceed with the request to transfer \$37.95 from the office account and \$72.05 from the town budget to pay the salary for the Board Clerk for this year's remaining meetings. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Bicknell moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Outstanding Invoices

\$17.97 for topsoil from Cropley's

4.4 Home Depot Lexan \$138

A. Bicknell noted that the Lexan will be more expensive than expected as Home Depot does not cut Lexan. Lexan will be purchased from Manchester Glass. Two pieces will

be purchased (48"x31" and 45"x21" by quarter inch). A. Bicknell moved to expend \$292.06 from the Conservation Activity Fund to purchase the Lexan. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Photo Contest Outreach, Prizes & Special Meeting

Over fifty entries have been received for the contest. R. Parlee contacted L. Argenta at Bolton High to remind her of the contest. R. Parlee will put a notice in the Bolton Bulletin. There has been a notice on the Facebook Group "Everything Bolton". A Special Meeting regarding the photo contest will be held May 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

5.2 2020 Calendar & Family Day Display

Many of the items that were used for the library display will be used for the Family Day (Memorial Day) display at Bolton Center School. Twenty tree seedlings will be sold or given away. August 1st was given as a deadline to the 300th anniversary committee to provide dates for their events. Full moon dates can be determined at this time. R. Parlee suggested selling calendars in bulk to vendors for \$5.00 each to have them resell them for \$10.00, making a profit for themselves.

5.3 Freja Park Brochure & Kiosk Updates

B. Cataldo presented a copy of the brochure. R. Parlee will review. After review, B. Cataldo will have 100 brochures printed. R. Parlee noted that the kiosk is in place and a new booklet is available for people to sign in. P. Van Dine noted that the entrance to Freja Park is unsightly. R. Parlee will send an Email to S. Pierog to request permission to paint the Jersey barrier at the entrance to the park. A. Bicknell suggested holding a contest to paint the barrier. A. Bicknell has cedar shakes that can be used to repair the kiosk. P. Van Dine moved to enable R. Parlee to request (with input from members) the upgrading of the Freja Park entrance. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Open Space Mapping/GIS Workstation/Freja Park Boundaries

R. Parlee and P. Van Dine will review the Freja Park boundaries in the fall. Open space mapping will be easier with the ARC View subscription. R. Parlee presented maps of the Nathan Hale Greenway, wetlands and topography. There is an American Beech behind Stonehenge Road that can be accessed from the Nathan Hale Greenway although not by an existing trail.

5.5 Freja/Herrick/BNSP Trail Monitor Report

Invasive plants-Japanese barberry, bittersweet and Autumn olive are becoming prevalent. A. Bicknell walked Freja Park several times prior to Earth Day and the park is very clean. Herrick Park is very wet which may deter people from using the park. The blazes need to be redone. There is significant graffiti at BNSP on rocks as well as trees. A. Bicknell will accompany Ray Hardy to look at the well in BNSP before he potentially makes a report to the State.

5.6 Plastic Film Recycling

The flyer with the rules was presented. J. Laughman noted that there is a private company that provides the recycling barrels for this film. The closest barrel is at Highland Park Market in Manchester. They are responsible for recycling the items that are deposited in the barrel. More research needs to be done to determine where these materials go. J. Laughman will follow up and she will see if there is a person to give a talk either to the BCC or to the general public. Sherill Baldwin was mentioned as a possible speaker. R. Parlee suggested distributing the recycling information on trash cans, on kiosks, etc.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Nathan Hale Greenway Public Information Meeting

R. Parlee attended this meeting. The consultant, BSC Group gave a short presentation.

6.2 Trails Day Hike on Nathan Hale Greenway from Munson's 6/1 at 9:00 a.m. and BWB at 12:30 p.m.

Two hour walk beginning at 9:00 a.m. with lunch at 11:30 at Georgina's. BWB at 12:30 p.m. Special guests include Jonathan Gourley a geology professor from Trinity College, Bolton Land Trust Trail Steward Brent Mayerson, Nationally known arborist Matt Largess, CT Notable Trees Co-Chair and tree expert Frank Kaputo, Steve Messier speaking on lichenology and vascular plants, Tom O'Connor speaking on geology and Ray Hardy speaking on wildlife.

6.3 Results of Earth Day/Freja 50th/Fairy House Building Contest-Saturday, April 20th

A. Bicknell noted that about 15 people were in attendance and there were several entrants in the Fairy House Building Contest.

6.4 National Kids to Parks Day-1:00 p.m. Saturday May 18, 2019 at Herrick

A. Bicknell and R. Parlee and Rod will lead a hike on the Bates Trail.

6.5 BCC Citizen Science (Volunteer Monitoring) Initiative

P. Van Dine noted that the stream monitors need to be shuttled in May. Two monitors are currently at Freja Park. He'd like to move one to Herrick or to the brook between Lower and Middle Lake. R. Parlee would like to purchase a shuttle for the east side of Railroad Brook on the Mohegan Trail. On June 15, 2019, Rod will be conducting a riffle bio assessment in Massachusetts at Robinson State Park.

6.6 FBL and BLWCA Report (next mtg 6/5) – UCONN AWC GPR Presentation

P. Van Dine will apply for a 319 grant if the four towns in the BLWCA sign off. There is no new information on the study. Peter met with "CLAMCO" re: Columbia Lake. Karl Then was interested in the cyanobacteria bloom in Bolton Lake as it is now present in Columbia Lake. Columbia has a catch and remove process for channel catfish. There may be a correlation between the catfish and the cyanobacteria.

7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

P. Van Dine moved to accept the clerk's invoice as presented. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8.0 Adjournment

A. Bicknell moved to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Brand

Leslie J. Brand

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