

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2019
7:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL

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

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

1.2 Minutes Approval of July 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

B. Cataldo moved to accept the minutes as submitted. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Comment: None

3.0 Correspondence

3.1 Draft Response to CT DEEP Forestry Director Christopher Martin

R. Parlee distributed the drafted letter. The Commission members approved the draft.

R. Parlee will request a copy of the Marcus NRCS EQIP Forest Management Plan.

3.2 Letter to Assessor Re: Classification of Forest Land (PA 490)

R. Parlee is asking the Town Assessor through Josh Gaston for a list of 490 forest properties. After the list is received the BCC would send a letter to the property owners mentioning the benefits of proforestation. The BCC would like to produce a shaded parcel map of all the 490 properties.

Other Correspondence:

Postcard from the Bolton Land Trust about Sunset Yoga on August 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Paggioli Farm

B. Cataldo received an invitation to table at the Heritage Farm Commission sponsored Farmer's Market on August 25 from 9:00 to 1:00. The BCC chose to decline the offer.

Letter from A. Bicknell to Dave Buckley regarding concerns about maintaining the integrity of a seep well in BNSP and asking about liability concerns.

Aquifer protection area interactive map available at www.ct.gov/deep/aquiferprotection

Letter from Nancy Alderman regarding recycling, particularly plastics.

Connecticut Wildlife Magazine May/June 2019

A. Bicknell shared a picture of two youth who received seedlings at Family Day after participating in the recycling challenge.

4.0 Financial Report

P. Van Dine shared the financial report.

4.1 GIS Software

Ownership of properties, unusual plant locations, aquifers, fauna, etc. can be added to maps as layers with the GIS Software.

4.2 Hoboware Software

P. Van Dine's current personal license allows both desktop and laptop usage.

4.3 CLCC, BLT & CACIWC Membership

No further action needed.

4.4 Cell Phone Macro Lens Band for RBV

R. Parlee showed pictures taken with a macro lens that was attached with a rubber band a cell phone. R. Parlee shared information about a snap-on lens that could be used to take pictures for the riffle bio. P. Van Dine will submit the product information to J. Stille for purchase approval.

A. Bicknell moved to appropriate \$40.00 plus shipping to purchase a XENVO Pro Lens from the BCC Activity Fund. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Replace Vandalized Notebook at Freja Kiosk

P. Van Dine moved to appropriate funds at the best price available from Staples to purchase a blue 8 ½" x 11" 3-ring binder with a front sleeve from the Office Supplies Account. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Finalize 2020 Calendar Photos and Dates

The proposed BCC meeting dates for 2020 are:

Monday, January 6

Monday, February 3

Monday, March 2

Monday, April 6

Monday, May 4

Monday, June 1

Monday, July 6

Monday, August 3

Thursday, September 3

Monday, October 5

Thursday, November 5

Monday, December 7

A. Bicknell moved to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2020. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2020 Calendar pictures were reviewed and discussed.

5.2 Brochures Update-Add PROFORESTATION Brochure (NEPR Interview)

R. Parlee played an interview with Susan Masino, a professor at Trinity College about proforestation. R. Parlee suggested creating a brochure on proforestation. The commission was in agreement.

5.3 Freja/Herrick/BNSP Trail Monitor Report

A. Bicknell noted that a new entrance to Freja Park was cut open with a brush hog next to the locked gate and jersey barriers. R. Parlee left photos at the DOT garage to see if they might have known who was responsible. The brochures were missing from the mailbox at the kiosk. The notebook was ripped into small pieces. On the bright side, an uncommon plant "Trailing Arbutus" was positively identified along the trail. BCC members will monitor the park when they are in the area.

Herrick Park was not monitored this month.

BNSP was in good shape.

5.4 BNSP Vernal Pool Update

R. Parlee received an Email from Ed Pawlak regarding a natural die off of frogs.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Vandalism at Freja Park Gate and Kiosk

Discussed above under 5.3.

6.2 Macroinvertebrate ID Workshop

R. Parlee and P. Van Dine attended the workshop and listened to a lecture by Dr. Burian. Macroinvertebrate identification remains a challenge. P. Van Dine received samples of many of the macroinvertebrates that can be used for comparison purposes.

6.3 RBV Outreach for November 3rd

B. Cataldo will host. Twelve people would be the maximum number of participants. The outreach will be advertised on the Facebook page "Everything Bolton".

6.4 BCC Volunteer Monitoring Initiative-Set V-Stem Data Collection Date

P. Van Dine noted that Megan wants to replace the hobo monitors in the fall. Monitoring and collection must be done on October as she wants the monitors back in November.

6.5 FBL and BLWCA Report

FBL president David Forrest has contacted Pat Monahan about speaking at the October forum. Ms. Monahan has experience with the watershed management plan for Amos Lake in Preston, CT.

Both lakes are very strongly layered with oxygen going to zero near 3.5 meters. The alga is under control at this time.

There was no BLWCA meeting in July.

7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

P. Van Dine moved to approve the clerk's invoice as presented. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 Adjournment

A. Bicknell moved to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2019, 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.

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