

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting utilizing Zoom

Members Present: Chairman Rod Parlee, Alan Bicknell (joined the meeting but was unable to unmute his phone), Brenda Cataldo, Jean Laughman, Peter Van Dine and Alternate Matt Rivers (voting in lieu of A. Bicknell-left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.)

1.0 Call Meeting to Order

Chairman R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2.0 Minutes Review of December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting

P. Van Dine made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. J. Laughman seconded.

The motion passed unanimously 5:0:0.

3.0 Public Comment:

M. Rivers noted that he has been in communication with Deb Livingston of the Bolton Land Trust. A member of the Land Trust may attend the February BCC meeting.

M. Rivers attended a walk in the Bobcat Woods in November held by the Land Trust. During the walk, there was discussion of possible changes to the property including land and stream clearing, etc.

J. Laughman previously helped do some clearing of brush in the Bobcat Woods. The clearing was done very specific to the terms set out in a grant received by the Land Trust.

4.0 Financial Report

P. Van Dine emailed the Treasurers Report to BCC members and R. Parlee shared it online during the meeting.

M. Rivers made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as submitted. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5:0:0.

4.1 Calendar Revenue Received

Sales tax has to be paid on the calendar sales. The Finance Department will deduct this from the BCC Activity Fund.

Highland Park Market bought calendars outright from the BCC. This may be a possibility for other vendors next year.

B. Cataldo and P. Van Dine will go over the receipts for calendar ads. B. Cataldo will follow up with those who have not paid.

4.2 BLT and CLCC Annual Memberships i.e.

P. Van Dine submitted paperwork for these membership fees today.

4.3 Custom Safety Vests for Field Work-Sizes/Cost

B. Cataldo will obtain the cost of seven extra large vests. She will forward that information to P. Van Dine.

5.0 Continuing Business

5.1 2022 Calendar Sales, Distribution, etc.-Brenda

R. Parlee felt that if the calendar was ready sooner more copies would have been sold. B. Cataldo and J. Laughman disagreed. B. Cataldo indicated that she needs two to three weeks to prepare the calendar for printing. All of the information would have to be available by October 1st for availability on November 15th. B. Cataldo will work on a skeleton draft this winter.

A \$10.00 donation was received from the calendar insert.

5.2 Groundwater Resources-Laboratory Analysis Account Update-Peter

R. Parlee will follow up with the First Selectperson to set up a meeting and will include P. Van Dine.

5.3 BCC Winter Trails Hike Location for Saturday, January 15, 2022

R. Parlee received an Email from Rhea Klein of the Heritage Farm Commission proposing a joint get together.

A. Bicknell, J. Laughman and M. Rivers thought that Heritage Farm would be a good location for a joint hike.

J. Laughman will reach out to the Heritage Farm Commission to confirm details.

10:30 a.m. was proposed as a start time.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Outreach: Tabling at Cropley's – Advanced Recycling Challenge

This was a successful and entertaining event. Approximately 10 calendars were sold.

J. Laughman noted that there are now four recycling R's-reduce, reuse, recycle and repurpose.

M. Rivers talked about starting a community composting initiative. There are many composting options that can be explored.

J. Laughman noted that UCONN's Master Composting Program has a lot of information that can be shared.

The BCC will be putting together a recycling showcase at the Bentley Memorial Library in February. A. Bicknell and J. Laughman will be working on this initiative. The BCC has two composters available for sale. One of the composters will be set up next to the showcase.

J. Laughman made a motion to appropriate up to \$50.00 from the Office Supply Account to purchase display materials as needed for the February showcase at the Bentley Memorial Library. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5:0:0.

R. Parlee shared the BCC Mission Statement.

6.2 FBL, BLWCA, SRWP and CACIWC Reports- Peter, Rod, Matt

P. Van Dine reported that the improvement to the dam at Hatch Hill Road continues. The concrete has been poured and a drawdown gate and fencing will be installed. The FBL was instrumental in making this happen. The lake management plan is in the final stages of edits. The plan will be on the websites of the FBL and the Towns of Bolton, Vernon, Coventry for public comment and then will be submitted to the CT DEEP.

R. Parlee noted that he and P. Van Dine are members of the BLWCA steering committee. Discussion continues around the sustainable water levels around the Atlantic White Cedar.

Pat Young has reached out to R. Parlee several times regarding the SRWP. M. Rivers has expressed an interest in joining this group and will follow up. J. Laughman will contact Pat Young at salmonriverct@att.net to see if the testing that the BCC is doing is compatible with the testing the SRWP is doing on the upper part of the watershed. P. Van Dine asked if Bolton has any active connection with the Tankerhoosen watershed and suggested that this be discussed with Pam Sawyer.

R. Parlee reported that in the last CACIWC meeting, the definition of intermittent streams was discussed. The Connecticut regulations are followed.

6.3 2020-21 FY Annual Report

R. Parlee will be preparing this next week. J. Laughman and P. Van Dine will review the draft.

7.0 Correspondence

Christmas trees are being collected by the Scouts at Herrick Park. These may be donated to Aussakita Farms in Manchester for their goats and other farm animals.

There are beaver issues in the southern end of town. There is a beaver baffler on Deming Road. Perhaps these can be used in other locations.

R. Parlee sent an Email of open items to the BCC members. Members responded accordingly.

8.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

P. Van Dine made a motion to accept the clerk's invoice as presented. J. Laughman seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0:0.

9.0 Adjournment

P. Van Dine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0:0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Brand,

Leslie J. Brand

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