

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting utilizing Zoom

**Members Present:** Chairman Rod Parlee, Brenda Cataldo, Matt Rivers and Peter Van Dine

**1.0 Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call**

Chairman R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**2.0 Minutes Review of October 2, 2023, Regular Meeting**

Correct the next meeting date to Thursday, November 2, 2023.

B. Cataldo made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. R. Parlee seconded. The motion passed 2:0:2. M. Rivers and P. Van Dine abstained.

**3.0 Public Comment:** None

**4.0 Financial Report**

**4.1 CACIWC 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference on November 11, 2023**

A. Bicknell, B. Cataldo and R. Parlee will attend. P. Van Dine asked R. Parlee to obtain confirmation that the aforementioned members will be attending. P. Van Dine will use the confirmation receipt to submit to the town for payment to CACIWC.

**4.2 Pizza from 20<sup>th</sup> Annual RBV at Herrick**

R. Parlee will obtain a receipt from Georgina's for the pizza if necessary.

**4.3 2024 Calendar Printing**

The estimate is \$1,250.00 for printing 120 calendars. P. Van Dine made a motion to request a purchase order for \$1,250.00 from the Conservation Activity Fund for the printing of calendars. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0:0.

**4.4 Winter Faire Tabling on December 2, 2023**

P. Van Dine made a motion to appropriate \$20.00 from the Dues and Fees account for the Winter Faire tabling charge. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0:0.

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Photo Contest**

R. Parlee shared the photo contest flyer online. It will be inserted in the calendar. The contest will be promoted at the CACIWC meeting and Winter Faire.

**5.2 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Town-Wide Calendar – Change Winter Trails Day to 13<sup>th</sup>**

B. Cataldo reported that the calendar is mostly completed with the exception of some ads, the photo collage and R. Parlee's letter.

R. Parlee proposed changing Winter Trails Day to January 13, 2024. The date change was agreed to by consensus.

### **5.3 New Sponsorship Ad Form, Photos, Dates, etc.**

Ads will be sold at the CACIWC meeting. Commission members will be reaching out to local businesses. B. Cataldo requested notification when ads have been committed to.

### **5.4 New Flyer (Calendar Insert) from AllAmericanWaste.com**

AllAmericanWaste provided a two-sided, printed on recycled paper, state-wide recycling flyer that will be included in the calendar and at the table-top exhibit with the Recycling Challenge. R. Parlee shared it online.

### **5.5 Winter Trails Day on Saturday, January 13, 2024**

The Peak Foliage Hike route, Heritage Farm or Herrick Park were proposed venues.

## **6.0 Continuing Business**

### **6.1 Results of Peak Foliage Hike on 10/21/2023**

R. Parlee shared online a collage of photos from the Peak Foliage Hike. The hike was very well-attended with many Conservation Commission members from other towns.

### **6.2 Results of 20<sup>th</sup> Annual RBV at Herrick Park on 10/29 from 10-3 pm**

R. Parlee gave special thanks to A. Bicknell and P. Van Dine for their participation. Baker Brook was the only site where an RBV was conducted. R. Parlee was able to locate the temperature monitor based on a photo that he had taken in 2022. P. Van Dine has downloaded the data and he will forward it along to a contact to be provided by R. Parlee.

### **6.3 Stream Temperature/Vernal Pool Monitoring Update & Equipment Inventory**

Other locations were mentioned for monitoring. M. Rivers will follow up with Pat Young to find out where the SRWP is doing monitoring and how they use ExStik II monitors.

### **6.4 BHS Student Volunteer Opportunities with Jennifer Carvalho**

R. Parlee received an Email from Ms. Carvalho. She reached out to students highlighting volunteer opportunities with the BCC.

### **6.6 Meeting in November with EnCon Sergeant Johnson**

R. Parlee clarified that it is Sergeant Johnson. R. Parlee filled out an FOI form to get a copy of an accident report from September 16, 2023 at approximately 4:00 p.m. There was a motorized dirt bike vs. bicycle accident. R. Parlee has set up a meeting in November to discuss monitoring. Vernon has purchased seven Ebikes to help monitor the area. Enforcement and signage is an issue. Bike Walk Bolton wants to include phone numbers to call if incidents happen in the future.

## **6.7 FBL, BLWCA, SRWP, CACIWC Reports**

**FBL (Friends of Bolton Lake)** – P. Van Dine reported that there is no special speaker for the fall forum. There will be an election for members at the November or December meeting. They are trying to get answers from CT DEEP on grants, the dam on Upper Bolton Lake and invasive aquatic weeds.

### **BLWCA (Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance) –**

P. Van Dine reported that the CT DEEP website was missing several pertinent facts regarding the drawdown policy. The requirements of the law would be cost prohibitive. In his opinion, the law needs to be changed. Ryan Goad will be reaching out to State Representatives. The osprey nesting platform has been approved on the Carlo property. Eversource is funding this but will not be the owner of the platform.

### **SRWP (Salmon River Watershed Partnership) –**

M. Rivers reported that the next meeting will be held on December 20, 2023.

### **CACIWC (Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions –**

R. Parlee noted that the conference will be held on November 11, 2023. The meeting is registered at capacity. Ten non-profit groups will be displaying. R. Parlee mentioned many of the topics that will be discussed as workshops.

## **7.0 Correspondence**

**7.1 09252023 Letter from USCA, Jacob Isleib, CPSS, USDA:** Here is a map that can be used to review the soil map units that are designated as *Prime Farmland*, *Farmland of Statewide Importance*, and *Farmland of Local Importance*:

<https://nrcs.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=c8a6217bdd68423c977a5e84c78592b3>

R. Parlee Emailed Pam Sawyer and Jim Rupert to correct a statement Ms. Sawyer made regarding a name change of Bolton Notch Park. She misspoke at a BOS meeting. It was a name change of the cave only.

## **8.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice**

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

## **9.0 Adjournment**

P. Van Dine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0:0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and may be held at the Bolton Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Brand,

*Leslie J. Brand*

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### **Financial Action items**

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