

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

Members Present: Chairman Rod Parlee, Alan Bicknell and Brenda Cataldo

1.0 Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call

Chairman R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2.0 Minutes Review of September 7, 2023, Regular Meeting

B. Cataldo made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. A. Bicknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

3.0 Public Comment: R. Parlee mentioned that he wants to read the report about the ATV vs. bike accident that occurred on September 16, 2023 at 3:40 p.m. in Hop River State Park. It was investigated by CT DEEP officers. He and the other commission members feel that enforcement of Hop River State Park should be stepped up.

4.0 Financial Report

R. Parlee shared the Treasurers Financial Report online.

A. Bicknell made a motion to accept the Treasurers Financial Report as presented. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

4.1 CACIWC 46th Annual Meeting and Conference

B. Cataldo made a motion to appropriate up to \$375.00 (\$75.00 per attendee – early bird registration) from the Professional Educational Services Fund for all BCC members to attend the CACIWC conference. A. Bicknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

A. Bicknell, B. Cataldo and R. Parlee have committed to attending the conference. Commitment is pending from M. Rivers and P. Van Dine. R. Parlee asked if the commission members would be willing to table at the event. A free standing informational table may be presented.

4.2 Pizza for 20th Annual RBV at Herrick

There are members of the public and students from Bolton High that may be interested in attending.

A. Bicknell made a motion to appropriate up to \$65.00 from the Conservation Activity Fund to purchase pizza from Georgina's for the RBV event. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Photo Contest – New Flyer

B. Cataldo will work with R. Parlee on editing the new photo contest flyer that will be included in the calendar. R. Parlee would like to have the flyer ready to distribute at the Peak Foliage Hike.

5.2 14th Annual Town-Wide Calendar – New Sponsorship Ad Form, Photos, Dates, etc.

B. Cataldo completed the new sponsorship form which she will forward to each commission member along with the names of prospective sponsors.

B. Cataldo put each calendar month's picture along with the calendar cover photo on her website. R. Parlee shared the site online.

R. Parlee reviewed the scrap metal pick up dates and the bulk waste collection dates. Those dates will be added to the calendar.

R. Parlee suggested that B. Cataldo get a printing estimate for the calendar.

5.3 Results of Meeting with All American Waste

R. Parlee met with three representatives from All American Waste on September 18, 2023, - Brian Popovich (Municipal Contract Specialist), Madelyn Hart (Community Outreach Specialist) and Daniel Pestrichello (Organic Specialist). Clarification is needed about what is recyclable and what is not. They liked the idea of the laminated flyer to be installed on the lid of the recycling bin. They will provide mini composters. They will follow up when the single stream flyer is ready and it will be included in the calendar. They offered a tour of the Berlin Recycling Center. They would consider promoting a library program on composters when funding is available in 2024.

P. Van Dine shared the following link to a recycling game from the New York Times.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/04/21/climate/plastics-recycling-trash-environment.html>

6.0 Continuing Business

6.1 Peak Foliage Hike on 10/21

The peak foliage hike should at least have some good foliage on the hills. R. Parlee shared the proposed route from the commuter parking lot. A. Bicknell and R. Parlee will be attending.

The Commission agreed by consensus to follow the route to the Box Mountain Forest that was inducted into the Old Growth Forest Network in April. Permission was obtained by the property owner.

6.2 20th Annual RBV at Herrick Park on 10/29 from 10-3 pm

The monitors that are at the four sites will be swapped out and the riffle bio will be performed at each site.

6.3 Stream Temperature/Vernal Pool Monitoring Update & Equipment Inventory

Prior to the meeting, P. Van Dine shared a list and location of all of the monitoring equipment.

Bolton Conservation Commission Stream Monitors

07-Sep-23

Count Type Serial # Owner Location Status Labeled Date Time Battery QA Date

1	Pro V2	10777329	CT DEEP	Returned	22-Apr-22	LOW	18-Mar-21		
2	Pro V2	20510116	BCC Storage	Launched	BPBRK 23-Oct-22	10:00 AM	GOOD	18-Mar-21	
3	Pro V2	20510117	BCC BPBRK	Lost	22-Oct-21	GOOD	18-Mar-21		
4	Pro V2	20624800	CT DEEP	Returned	22-Apr-22	GOOD	18-Mar-21		
5	TidbiT	20701499	BCC BNVNP	Deployed	03-Jan-23	10:24 AM	GOOD	26-Mar-21	
6	Pro V2	20719759	BCC FRBRK	Deployed	10-Nov-22	01:20 PM	GOOD	26-Mar-21	
7	Pro V2	20847483	BCC Storage	Launched	BKBRK 23-Oct-22	10:00 AM	GOOD	26-Mar-21	
8	Pro V2	20847484	BCC	Lost	GOOD	18-Mar-21			
9	Pro V2	20880741	BCC RRBRK	Deployed	23-Oct-22	01:05 PM	GOOD	18-Mar-21	
10	Pro V2	21109920	CT DEEP	Storage Stopped	11-Nov-22	01:13 PM	GOOD	11-Apr-22	
11	Pro V2	21109929	CT DEEP	NHGBRK	Deployed	23-Oct-22	02:05 PM	GOOD	11-Apr-22
12	Pro V2	21109933	CT DEEP	BPBRK	Deployed	26-Jun-22	04:41 PM	GOOD	11-Apr-22
13	Pro V2	21109941	CT DEEP	Storage Stopped	11-Nov-22	01:06 PM	GOOD	11-Apr-22	
14	Pro V2	21109951	CT DEEP	BKBRK	Deployed	24-Jun-22	10:40 AM	GOOD	11-Apr-22
15	Pro V2	21109959	CT DEEP	Storage Stopped	11-Nov-22	01:26 PM	GOOD	11-Apr-22	
16	Pro V2	21151388	BCC FPBPD	Deployed	16-Feb-23	12:03 PM	GOOD		
17	Pro V2	21151389	BCC Storage	Stopped	23-Oct-21	GOOD			
18	TidbiT	21743906	BCC Storage	Stopped	02-Jun-23				

6.4 September Stream Salamander Survey with Hank Gruner

R. Parlee has not heard from Hank Gruner, perhaps due to the rainy conditions. R. Parlee will follow up with him at the CACIWC meeting.

6.5 BHS Student Volunteer Opportunities with Jennifer Carvalho

R. Parlee received a response from Jennifer Carvalho. She has students that may be interested but their time may be limited as they are involved in many other activities.

6.6 Meeting with Pam Sawyer & Jim Rupert re: POCD, etc.

Elections are taking place next month and the makeup of the Board of Selectmen will be changing. The term will change from two to four years and the membership will increase from five members to seven members. It has been difficult for R. Parlee and P. Van Dine to schedule a meeting. A. Bicknell suggested waiting until after the election to schedule a meeting.

6.7 FBL, BLWCA, SRWP, CACIWC Reports

FBL (Friends of Bolton Lake) – An update will be provided at the November meeting.

BLWCA (Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance) – R. Parlee noted that the next meeting will be held a week from Wednesday. They will be talking about who is responsible for cleaning the trash rack at Upper Bolton Lake and the drawdown process will be discussed.

SRWP (Salmon River Watershed Partnership) – M. Rivers and P. Van Dine will work with Pat Young to determine where the SRWP will be doing RBV assessments.

CACIWC (Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions) – The annual meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2023.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Return to Revolutionary Camp No. 5, 10/7 10-6:30pm & 10/8 10-3pm

This is a continuance of the 300-year celebration from 2020.

7.2 Conservation Commission Fact Sheet

<https://resilientconnecticut.uconn.edu/2023/05/30/new-conservation-commission-fact-sheet/>

7.3 CACIWC Current Summer Newsletter

<https://www.caciwc.org/library/habitat/Habitat%20V35%20N2%202023%20Summer%20webfinal.pdf>

8.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

B. Cataldo made a motion to accept the clerk's invoice as presented. A. Bicknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

9.0 Adjournment

A. Bicknell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 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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