

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held virtually utilizing Zoom

Members Present: Chairman Rod Parlee, Alan Bicknell, and Matt Rivers

1.0 Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call

Chairman R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2.0 Minutes Review of July 1, 2024, Regular Meeting

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

3.0 Public Comment: None

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 End of Fiscal Year Report:

Tabled to the next meeting.

4.2 BLT, CLCC & CACIWC Membership

All memberships have been processed.

5.0 New Business

5.1 2025 Calendar – Monthly Photo Selection – Brenda

B. Cataldo reported that she will select the monthly calendar pictures and will have them ready for review at next month's meeting. Discussion ensued about selecting a cover photo.

5.2 Stream Temperature Monitoring Data – Peter

All of the monitoring data has been submitted to P. Van Dine including the data from the tidbits. The data needs to be sent to the CT DEEP.

R. Parlee asked A. Bicknell and M. Rivers obtain the data from P. Van Dine and to share that data with Mr. Giglio, Mr. Scorso and the property owners adjacent to Baker Brook.

5.3 BoS Facilities & Public Safety Facility Subcommittee Meeting Results

R. Parlee asked the members to review the July 16, 2024 and the July 1, 2024, Facilities and Public Safety Subcommittee minutes regarding Heritage Farm and the proposed pathway. R. Parlee read from a portion of the minutes.

There is an endangered species blob designation mapped on the CT DEEP NDDDB within the proposed pathway area. The proposed location of the bike path/parking area at the Heritage Farm is also an issue. Planning a bike path through a parking lot allowing bike/pedestrians to negotiate freely is not a safe idea. They should be separate. A design solution strategy could help guide behavior.

A. Bicknell made a motion that R. Parlee send a letter of concern and interest to the Facilities Public Safety Committee. M. Rivers seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

Discussion regarding Cubes Drive will be tabled until next month.

<https://files.aptuitivcdn.com/EzoynNLyL2-1704/docs/boards/selectmen/2024/Minutes/BOS-Facilities-Public-Safety-Subcommittee-7.16.24-Special-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

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6.0 Continuing Business

6.1 Calibration of ExStik II Conductivity and Mapping NRI with GIS Meta Data – Peter

R. Parlee asked M. Rivers to assist P. Van Dine with the use of the ExStik II if necessary.

R. Parlee mentioned the two parcel maps, one of which was donated to Town Hall. P. Van Dine is in the process of updating the meta data.

6.2 Outreach and New Town E-Mail - Matt

M. Rivers sent up a new personal Outlook Email address for his BCC related Emails. He highlighted the potential for the creation of online invitations, Power Point presentations and surveys. A. Bicknell noted that the format of the invitations should be consistent. R. Parlee suggested compiling the comments and Email addresses left on the sign in sheet at the Freja Park kiosk.

R. Parlee reported that the Town BCC Email address is still pending. Remote access will be available and Office 365 may be included. Questions remained as to whether or not more than one person would have access to the Town BCC Email address.

R. Parlee asked what the phase in process would involve. Once the domain name is established the user name and password would need to be distributed to BCC members and they would need to determine who would be able to access the address remotely.

A. Bicknell made a motion to move forward to establish a Town Email address for the BCC. M. Rivers seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

6.3 FBL, BLWCA, SRWP, CACIWC Reports

FBL (Friends of Bolton Lake) – The watershed management plan was discussed at the last meeting.

BLWCA (Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance) – The last meeting was held with Michael Dietz, a UConn professor in attendance. The grant application to fly drones and gather data over Middle Bolton Lake will move forward.

SRWP (Salmon River Watershed Partnership) –The next meeting is scheduled for later this month.

CACIWC (Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions) – They are still in the process of planning the annual meeting. Staffing at CT DEEP was a topic of discussion at the last meeting.

7.0 Correspondence

Information about a three-part film series titled “Beaver Pond Wildlife Series” produced by New England Forests and available on their You Tube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGyMLG2wnBE&list=PL-ckOnYB94s5lpdfjznboFN-WYV-YObc1>

Hartford Courant (8/5/2024) article about a clearcut by Eversource at the Hockanum River Linear Park.

8.0 Adjournment

M. Rivers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. A. Bicknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall and/or Virtual utilizing Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Brand,

Leslie J. Brand

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Financial Action items

None