

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 02, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Hybrid: Town Hall & Zoom Meeting

	ROSTER	IN-PERSON	ZOOM	ABSENT
MEMBERS:	Rod Parlee, Chairman	X		
	Alan Bicknell	X		
	Brenda Cataldo		X	
	Katelynn King		X	
	Matt Rivers	X		
ALTERNATES:	Peter Van Dine			

STAFF:	Andrea Vassallo, Recording Secretary
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Members of the Public: Chris Vandenburg, Bolton Resident

1.0 Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call

Chairman R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Minutes Review of February 02, 2026, Regular Meeting

Alan Bicknell, MOVED to APPROVE February 02, 2026, Meeting Minutes as corrected and/or amended. Matt Rivers SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

See corrected and/or amended February 02, 2026, meeting minutes, in red, preceding these meeting minutes.

3.0 Public Comment: None.

4.0 Financial Report:

M. Rivers **MOVED to TRANSFER \$85.00** from Other Professional Services to Dues and Fees. A. Bicknell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. 5:0

4.1 CLCC Membership/Registration

K. King **MOVED to TRANSFER the amount of \$100.00** from the Dues and Fees Account to reimburse R. Parlee for the Bolton Conservation Commission to join as a member of CLCC. B. Cataldo SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

Alan Bicknell **MOVED to TRANSFER the amount of \$160.00** (\$80/person) from the Dues and Fees Account to reimburse Rod Parlee for conference registration expenses. M. Rivers SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

4.2 Earth Day T-Shirts

K. King **MOVED to TRANSFER the amount of \$129.20** from the Conservation Activity Fund to reimburse B. Cataldo. M. Rivers SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

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4.3 Spring Plant Seedling Sale

B. Cataldo **MOVED to TRANSFER the amount of \$337.00** from the Conservation Activity Fund for the purchase of plants from the North Central Conservation District as prizes for the Photo Contest. M. Rivers SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

Other Financial Transfer Motions

M. Rivers **MOVED to TRANSFER the amount of \$200.00** from Payroll Account to Administrative Services. B. Cataldo SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Proposed Herrick Park Memorial Soccer Field

The commission submitted a letter to the Wetlands Commission expressing concern about the lack of public hearing/site walk and potential impacts (e.g., erosion, runoff, use of glyphosate). Emphasized the need for public input and environmental safeguards.

5.2 Town Annual Report Booklet Cover

Local artist Susan Bosworth's vernal pool painting chosen for the annual report. Included a descriptive write-up highlighting the ecological significance and educational value of local vernal pools.

5.3 Tolland CC Composting Survey & Bolton Incentives

- Composting Workshop planned for April 17, 2026, at the Bolton Library for 6:30 p.m. including a possible raffle or pre-order for composters, and a walk to the vernal pool.
- See correspondence from Jane Simao, Chairperson of the Tolland Conservation Commission at the end of these meeting minutes regarding a distributed survey to Tolland residents to gauge interest in potential composting initiatives.
- Discussion of incentives, pricing, and logistics for composter distribution

5.4 Vernal Pools Day (3/28), Composting Workshop at Library (4/7), Earth Day (4/18)

- **Earth Day:** Moved to April 19th to accommodate scheduling conflicts. Activities include a fairy house building contest and t-shirt prizes.
- **Composting Workshop:** Scheduled for April 7th at the library, including a presentation, possible raffle or pre-order for composters, and a walk to the vernal pool. Discussion of incentives, pricing, and logistics for composter distribution.
- **Vernal Pools Day:** Will be combined with the composting event, featuring an educational walk to demonstrate natural composting and amphibian habitats.

B. Cataldo **MOVED to HOLD an Earth Day Celebration Event** on April 19, 2026, at 1 PM. M. Rivers SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED, 5:0

M. Rivers **MOVED to HOLD a Composting Workshop** on April 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM. K. King SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED, 5:0

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6.0 Continuing Business:

6.1 BoS Presentation on Interchange 6/44/384 on 3/10

Presentation to be held on March 10, 2026.

6.2 Data Collection and Transfer Working Group

Ongoing work to consolidate and analyze stream temperature and water level data for the Bolton Lakes Watershed. Collaboration with UConn and local commissions; exploring student assistance for data analysis.

6.3 Annual (25 Year Milestone) Photo Contest Deadline 5/5 – Gift Cards

- Deadline is May 5th; K. King to coordinate gift cards.
- Expecting more winter snow photos this year.
- Over 25 photos received so far; promotion includes Facebook and bulletin boards.
- Contest flyer redesigned with a snow hiking picture.
- Conservation members can participate but cannot win prizes.
- Promotion planned at events and workshops, including Earth Day.

6.4 BSA Troop 73 Project Requests

Proposed collaboration with BSA Troop 73 on invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, bench restoration, and bridge replacement in Freja Park. Proposed projects to include but not limited to:

- Invasive plant inventory along trails, especially Japanese Barbary.
- Removal of invasive plants using polar bears.
- Trail erosion repair and water bar installation.
- Re-blazing trail markers with bright green paint.
- Planning a new bridge near the beaver dam on Shenipsit Trail.
- Refinish benches at Freja Park.
- Scouts to choose 1-2 projects from the list.

7.0 Reports: Bike Walk Bolton (CSP), FBL, BLWCA, SRWP, CACIWC, BWB (CSP):

BWB: No information provided.

FBL: Progressing on watershed management plan.

BLWCA: Continued coordination among four towns (Tolland, Coventry, Bolton, Vernon) for lake and watershed protection. Progressing on watershed management plan.

SRWP: Did not meet last month.

CACIWC: Set for November 14, 2026, in Cromwell.

8.0 Correspondence:

Planning & Zoning Monitoring: Commission members assigned to track Board of Selectmen and Planning & Zoning agendas for developments that may affect conservation areas,

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aquifers, and natural resources.

Riparian Buffer Legislation: New bill proposes a 10-foot buffer for residential streams, which the commission feels is insufficient. Members plan to suggest stronger language and advocate for broader protections.

MS4 Stormwater Reporting: Noted the absence of a required draft report for public comment; commission contacted responsible parties to request timely posting and transparency.

9.0 Adjournment - Next Meeting is on **Monday, April 06, 2026, at 7 PM.**
Consensus to adjourn at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Vassallo

Andrea Vassallo

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Members of the Public:

Chris Vandenburg, Bolton resident.

Katelynn King, BCC Member. Arrived approximately at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

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 January 05, 2026, Regular Meeting

A. Bicknell **MOVED to APPROVE** the January 05, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Discussion:

- Page 5 of 6, Agenda Item 7.0 – Reports: Bike Walk Bolton
Amend the motion to correctly reflect the following:

“A. Bicknell **MOVED to request** Town Administrator James Rupert to contact the CT Department of Transportation (CT DOT) **Commissioner**, ~~Regional District to remove of, and prevent regarding litter~~ entering Bolton Notch Pond originating from interstate I-384 under the East Coast Greenway Multi-use Tail by way of a stream”.

Replace with:

“[...] Regional District for removal and prevention of litter”

B. Cataldo **SECONDED; MOTION CARRIED; 4:0:0**

Yea	Parlee, Bicknell, Cataldo, Rivers
Nay	0
Abstain	0

3.0 Public Comment: None.

4.0 Financial Report:

4.1 Calendar Sales Update

The 15th Annual Bolton Conservation Commission Calendar generated approximately \$2,960 in sales.

- ~~(Less)~~ Total sales **that are taxable:** ~\$410.00
- (Less) Printing costs: **~\$1580.85**

A small number of additional calendar sales are still pending.

- Unconfirmed estimated profit of: ~1,353

Unconfirmed balance in the Conservation Activity Fund of: ~\$6,104.00

4.2 FY 26-27 Budget Request

R. Parlee stated he was invited (but not required) by the BOS to present and review the annual BCC budget. He further stated the proposed FY 26 budget will be maintained with no additional increases over the prior year's budget.

4.3 CLCC Membership Status and Conference

Members discussed the annual CT Land Conservation Council conference and membership status. The conference is a major event for state conservationists, featuring educational workshops, and networking opportunities.

M. Rivers **MOVED to APPROVE** to pay \$100 from the Dues and Fees Fund for 2026 CT Land Conservation Council membership status. A.Bicknell **SECONDED; MOTION CARRIED; 4:0:0**

Yea	Parlee, Bicknell, Cataldo, Rivers
Nay	0
Abstain	0

Alan Bicknell **MOVED to APPROVE** to pay a total of **\$160.00 (\$80/person)** from the Dues and Fees Fund for A. Bicknell and R. Parlee to attend the CT Land Conservation Council conference on March 21, 2026.

M. Rivers **SECONDED; MOTION CARRIED; 4:0:0**

Yea	Parlee, Bicknell, Cataldo, Rivers
Nay	0
Abstain	0

5.0 New Business:

5.1 CRCOG Presentation on the Interchange of Routes 6/44/384 on January 27, 2026

R. Parlee gave a high-level summary of the CRCOG (Capital Region Council of Governments) presentation:

- The 2026 Alternative Design Concept Plan Conceptual aims to fix longstanding connectivity and safety issues at Routes 6/44 & I-384.
- Estimated cost: \$55 million (down from \$80 million in 2013 Design Plan).
- Plan includes property acquisition (including existing apartment complex). BCC members question if the apartment complex is truly abandoned.
- New trailhead parking.
- Improved emergency access on Notch Road.
- The interchange directionality of Route 6/44
- The proposed interconnectivity intersection of Notch Road Extension and Notch Road and
- Funding is expected to come from state CT DOT (Department of Transportation), not the town directly.

BCC members raised concerns about impact on residents, speed control, fire access, and environmental/archaeological reviews.

Member Katelyn King joins the meeting via Zoom at approximately 7:30 PM

5.2 Town of Bolton – Subsurface Sewage System

R. Parlee reviewed with BCC members the proposed subsurface wastewater system routed through Heritage Farm. The project was discussed in relation to existing wetlands, soils, and proposed project timing. The new system is proposed to be installed behind Bolton library/town hall, following thorough review and permit approval by the Inland/Wetlands Commission. Installation is expected prior to the Connectivity Trail project is implemented.

5.3 Herrick Park Soccer Field

- The BCC reviewed plans for a new natural-turf soccer field.
- Key concerns raised:
 - Tree removal and forest canopy loss. Members of the BCC should consider a site walk of the existing property and see which stands of trees will be affected.
 - The proposed use of glyphosate is prior to soil preparation.
 - Composting **with glyphosate** process and environmental impacts
 - Groundwater and nearby stream **quality** protection
 - Lack of bleachers and field layout logistics
 - **Erosion control protection**

R. Parlee stated that he wished BCC had more input on the plan and proposed project and that Bolton received a grant for approximately \$3 million quite a while ago and the town has finally prepared a design. Discussion ensued around the concern of using an herbicide agent (glyphosate) then replace the soil composition with compost. BCC members suggested writing to the Town Administrator James Rupert for clarification.

K. King **MOVED to AUTHORIZE** R. Parlee to write a letter to Town Administrator James Rupert for a project timeline, clarification on the use of glyphosate, and proposed location of soccer bleachers at Herrick Park.

M. Rivers **SECONDED; MOTION CARRIED; 5:0:0**

Yea	Parlee, Bicknell, Cataldo, King, Rivers
Nay	0
Abstain	0

R. Parlee proposed to the BCC that any time there is an application before a land use commission pertaining to the augmentation of town owned lands that opportunity be given to the BCC to review the proposed application and provide supporting data or historical context information prior to jurisdictional determination.

M. Rivers **MOVED to AUTHORIZE** R. Parlee to contact the Chairs of the Bolton Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inlands/Wetlands Commission and request to notify the Bolton Conservation Commission of pending regulatory applications relating to Bolton owned open spaces, public lands, land trusts, natural area reserves, including timber harvest notifications. ~~on the land types listed above.~~

B. Cataldo **SECONDED; MOTION CARRIED; 5:0:0**

Yea	Parlee, Bicknell, Cataldo, King, Rivers
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Nay	0
Abstain	0

5.4 Lake Street Solar, Manchester, CT

R. Parlee led a discussion regarding a proposed 1.2 MW solar farm sited on 6.3 acres of property in a residentially zoned parcel in the town of Manchester on Lake Street. R. Parlee looked for endorsement from members of the BCC to write an opposition letter to the CT Siting Council. Several members of the BCC expressed concerns about writing a formal letter representing any position for a proposed project in another municipal jurisdiction. Consensus was not to intervene directly but to monitor due to proximity and potential environmental impacts.

5.5 Nathan Hale Greenway

R. Parlee stated that Bolton Land Trust (BLT) blazed trails with approval from town administrators. After the fact, BCC was asked to review the blaze system. R. Parlee stated there were several issues and is writing a letter to Selectwoman Gwen Marrion documenting the issues. Several trees were proposed to be cut **near parking area**. Parlee stated that he spoke with James Rupert asking if there needed to be a public posting tree removal on public lands. J. Rupert stated **that the trees may be a site line issue** on a local road.

Alan Bicknell **MOVED to ESTABLISH** Bolton Trails Day on June 06, 2026, to be held at the Nathan Hale Greenway.

M. Rivers **SECONDED; MOTION CARRIED; 5:0:0**

Yea	Parlee, Bicknell, Cataldo, King, Rivers
Nay	0
Abstain	0

5.6 Results of Winter Trails Day

Successful event with diverse participants, including arborists, conservationists, members of the Heritage Farm Commission, and Hop River Alliance. Approximately 15 people **were** in attendance. Discovery of all four hickory species at Heritage Farm and **active** vernal pools.

6.0 Continuing Business:

6.1 Results of Meeting with Dave Buckley i.e., Beaver Solutions, Litter and BNSP

Beavers continue to interfere with trail and water management at Bolton Notch State Park. The state declined to allow installation of flow devices (beaver deceivers), preferring traditional trapping and **physical** dam removal. Discussion on efficacy and ethics of different beaver management strategies; topic tabled for future meetings.

Matt Rivers left at 9:01 PM

6.2 Vernal Pools Day (3/28) and Earth Day (4/25) and Proposed Programs at Library

Discussion ensued around the upcoming programmatic events hosted by the BCC.

- Vernal Pools Day – 03/28/2026

- Composting Educational Event **at Library**– 04/07/2026
- Earth Day – 04/25/2026. Discussion table until next month.

6.3 Data Collection and Transfer Subcommittee

C. Vandenberg to send a letter of intent to town administrators for consideration as a member of the **BCC and** Data Collection and Transfer Subcommittee. Efforts intend to centralize and upload stream temperature and vernal pool data to CT DEEP (Department of Energy & Environmental Protection) and CIRCA at UConn. C. Vandenberg and K. King to volunteer to assist with upcoming technical data transfers.

6.4 Annual Photo Contest Promo – 25 Year Milestone, New Flyer & Prizes

R. Parlee stated the BCC has a new flyer. The BCC is working on securing donations from local area business for participant winners. Cropley’s Garden Center has committed to donating two (2) \$100 gift cards. **Brenda Cataldo** to request additional gift certificate donations **pending** from Georginia’s Restaurant and **Preuss & Sons**.

7.0 Reports: Bike Walk Bolton (CSP), FBL, BLWCA, SRWP, CACIWC

BWB (CSP): None.

FBL: None.

BLWCA: **Cancelled due to snowstorm.**

SRWP: None.

CACIWC: ~~Did meet this month.~~ **Save the date:** November 14, 2026, CACIWC Conference in Cromwell, CT. Tracking the new Riparian Working Group legislative efforts regarding riparian area protections.

8.0 Correspondence:

R. Parlee he would like to reach out to Bolton citizens and give away backyard composters so residents can compost throughout the year. A. Bicknell suggested that the composters could be raffled off or given away at the April 7, 2026, Composting Educational Event at the Library.

9.0 Adjourn:

Alan Bicknell **MOVED TO ADJOURN** the meeting at 9:15 p.m. K. King **SECONDED; MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.**

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Respectfully submitted by Andrea Vassallo

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Andrea Vassallo’s Corrections in RED from previous meeting correction

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February 24, 2026

Jim Rupert
Town Administrator

Rodney Fournier
First Selectman

Town of Bolton
222 Bolton Center Rd,
Bolton, CT 06043

Re: Proposed Herrick Memorial Park Soccer Field

Dear Jim and Rodney,

As Chair of the Conservation Commission, I have been working to gain a clearer understanding of the internal process associated with the proposed improvements at Herrick Park. Our Commission was not aware of the opportunity to comment at the Inland Wetlands Commission meeting held on December 16, 2025, and therefore missed the brief window in which public input could have been offered. Given the scale of the proposed work within an established, publicly owned park, this appears to be the type of project that would ordinarily involve both a Public Hearing and a Site Walk. We were disappointed that neither occurred.

To better understand the proposal and its potential impacts we conducted three informal site walks this month with a majority of our members on snowshoes, to evaluate existing conditions. Based on these visits and discussion at our last meeting on February 2, 2026, the Commission has several questions and observations:

1. Use of Glyphosate and Soil Recommendations

The Inland Wetlands Commission's decision packet included a June 24, 2013 letter from Dr. William Dest, Agronomist/Soil Scientist, to Joseph Dillon, P.E., recommending (1) killing

the existing sod with glyphosate and (2) adding compost prior to stripping topsoil. These recommendations appear to have been considered during the approval process. However, we understand from Administrative Assistant Jim Rupert that the engineering firm did not consider glyphosate a viable option. Clarification on how these recommendations factored into the review would be appreciated.

2. Canopy Removal Adjacent to a Cold-Water Stream and NDDB Area

The Commission is concerned about the proposed canopy removal (clearcut) upgradient of a cold-water stream and wetland complex identified in the CTDEEP Natural Diversity Database. During our site walks, we observed a healthy, mature forest containing several Chestnut trees and unusually healthy Ash trees, free from the Emerald Ash Borer. We would appreciate understanding how potential impacts to this high-value habitat were evaluated.

3. Stone Wall and Downhill Wetlands

Questions were raised regarding the preservation of the historic stone wall and the protection of wetlands located within approximately 50 feet downslope of the clearcut. We also noted several pocket wetlands and would like to know whether any were evaluated for vernal pool characteristics.

4. Slope, Grading, and Erosion Controls

The site includes approximately 38 feet of elevation change from east to west, which may require substantial fill. We would like to understand what erosion and sedimentation controls are anticipated, and how and when monitoring will be conducted during construction. We recognize that your Commission and staff routinely apply appropriate BMPs; our intent is simply to underscore their importance given the scale of grading. We also understand that the soccer field will be pitched to the west, potentially directing runoff toward wetlands, and that space constraints may preclude the installation of bleachers.

5. Parking Lot Runoff and the Bates Memorial Area

The proposed 35-space parking lot on the north side is pitched to the east, but runoff will ultimately flow west toward a "Preformed Scour Hole" adjacent to the Bates Memorial, established by the Town in 1994. An intermittent stream and defined channel already exist in this location. The memorial area includes a picnic space honoring Stan Bates, with a bench, table, boulder plaque, and three state trees representing his service as a National Park Ranger, Bolton Park Director, and Conservation Commission Chair. We respectfully ask whether this area is expected to be affected by the project, and whether a protective buffer can be incorporated.

6. Bates Trail and Potential Erosion

The Commission has expanded and helped maintain the Bates Trail, which runs from the kiosk at the Memorial to a pristine stream and field. Additional runoff could exacerbate erosion on this already saturated trail segment. We ask whether applying stone dust to this section could be considered as a mitigation measure.

Finally, we understand from Jim Rupert that the Planning & Zoning Commission does not conduct technical review for this type of project and that an 8-24 referral is being sought. We

also understand that the Town Engineer is finalizing specifications and intends to meet with us to ensure that the project does not adversely affect the memorial area. We appreciate this coordination.

Thank you for any clarification you can provide. We recognize the significant effort required to coordinate projects of this nature and are simply seeking a clearer understanding of the procedural steps from an Inland Wetlands regulatory perspective. To ensure that the Conservation Commission does not miss future opportunities to provide timely comment, we respectfully offer the following motion for consideration:

Motion: To request that the Conservation Commission be formally notified of all Inland Wetlands Commission meetings at which applications involving Town-owned land, public parks, open space, or environmentally sensitive areas are scheduled for discussion or action, so that the Commission may have the opportunity to provide timely comment consistent with its advisory role.

Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do as volunteers in service to the town

Sincerely,

Rodney E. Parlee

Rodney E. Parlee, Chair

-attached June 24, 2013 letter from Dr. William Dest, Agronomist/Soil Scientist, to Joseph Dillon, P.E and maps showing approximate location of Bates Memorial

**William M. Dest, Ph.D.
Agronomist/Soil Scientist
53 McMullen Avenue
Wethersfield, CT 06109**

June 24, 2013

Joseph M. Dillon, P.E.
Associate
Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates
86 Main Street
P.O. Box 337
Chester, CT 06412-0337

Dear Mr. Dillon,

The report summarizes our examination of the soils on May 6 and 7, 2013 at Herrick Park for the proposed ball fields and soccer field for the Town of Bolton. Included in the report are the soil test results of soil samples collected on the days the site visits were made.

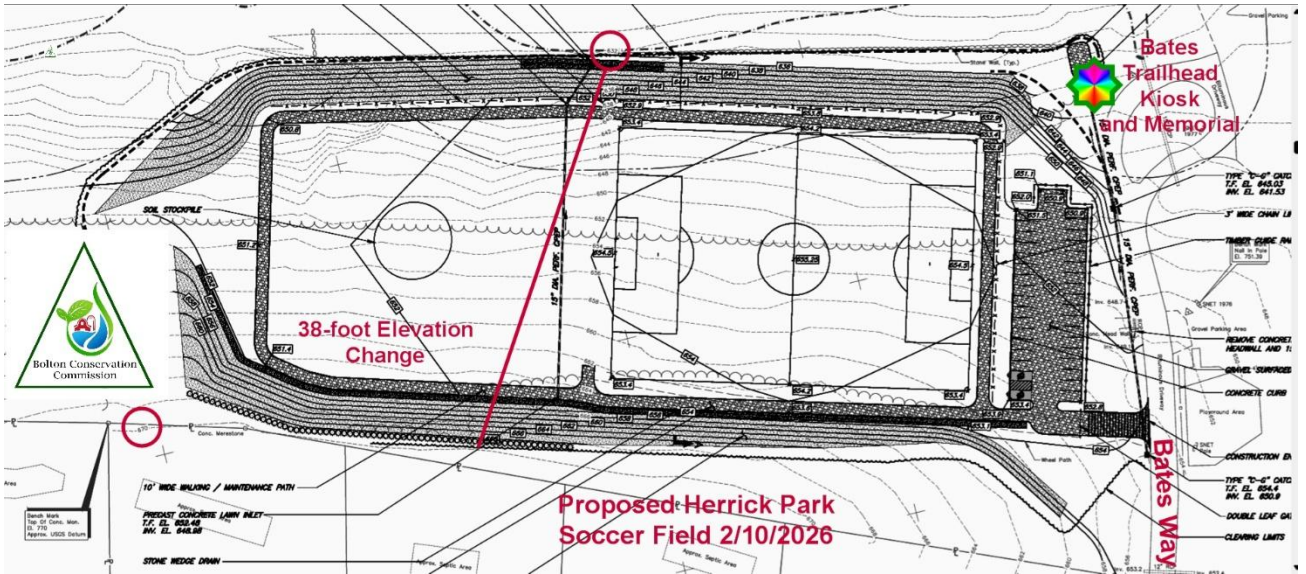
Six test pits were excavated with a backhoe from between a 46 to 54 inch depth to examine the soil profile. The soils were assessed for their permeability (ability to conduct water) by examining soil color, soil texture by the tactile method, soil structure, aggregate stability of the topsoil, visible pores that include channels, direction of natural lines of breakage, and horizons that may impede drainage. Direction of natural breakage is observed by removing a vertical slice of soil with a spade and then tamping the spade on a firm surface and noting the direction of breakage. Root structure of the vegetation was examined and earthworm activity was noted. The need for subsurface drainage was assessed by noting the presence of soil mottles and/or a water table. Results are reported in table 1 except for a 7th pit dug in the woods east of the site. See text below.

Soil samples from the topsoil and subsoil were collected to determine particle size. Particle sizes were determined by the Soil and Plant Nutrient Testing Laboratory at the University of Massachusetts using the hydrometer method for silt and clay after removal of the sand fraction. See textural analysis results dated May 15, 2013. The organic matter content of the topsoil and its available nutrient content is also reported. Organic matter was determined upon loss of weight by ignition. Nutrients were determined by the Morgan Extraction method. Soil ID numbers in the reports refer to:

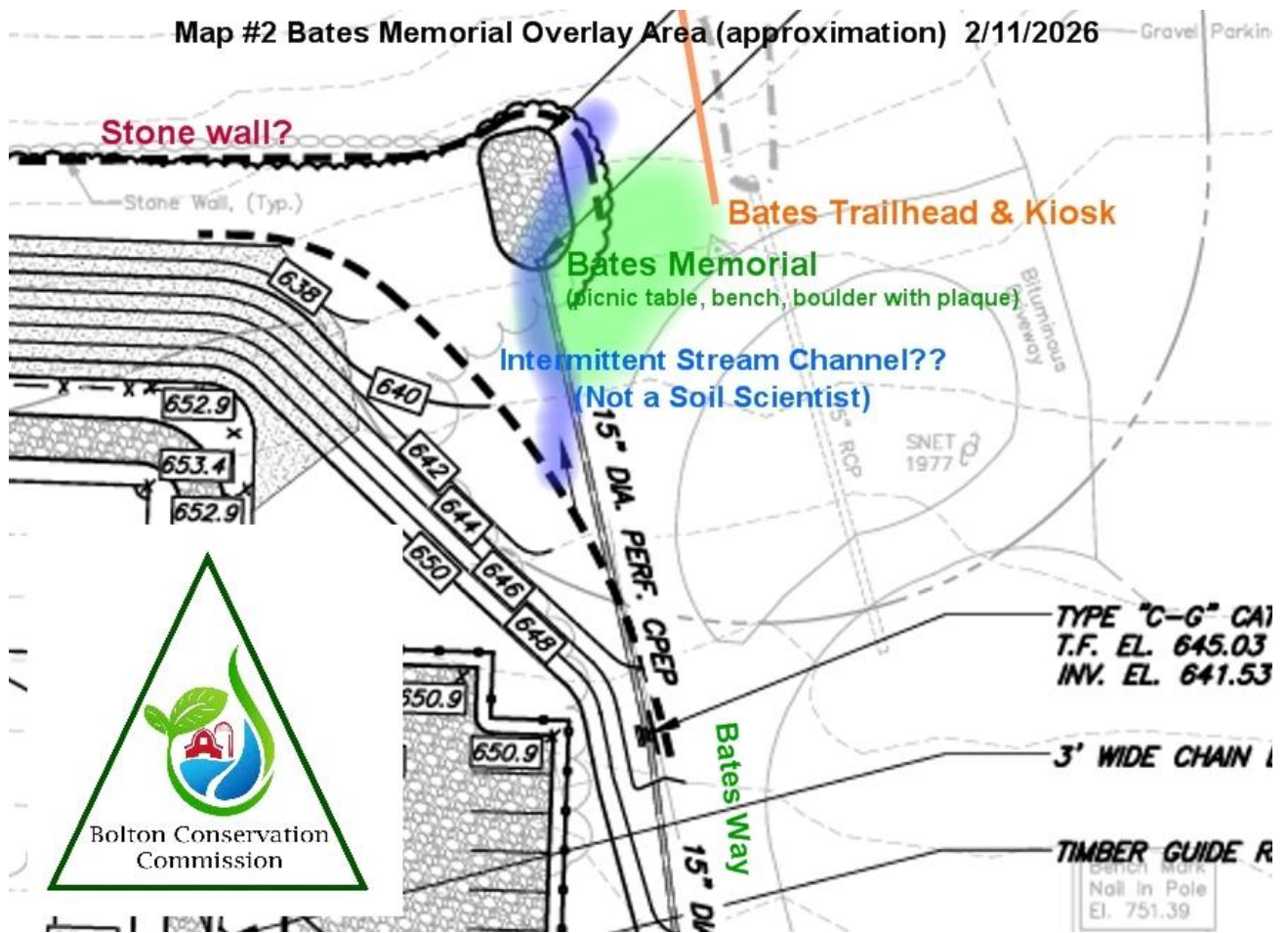
Sample ID	Description
BA	Topsoil (Ap horizon)
B-B	Samples taken between 11 to 32 inches, depth samples collected from depending on test pit (B horizon)
B-C	Samples taken below 32 inches (C horizon)

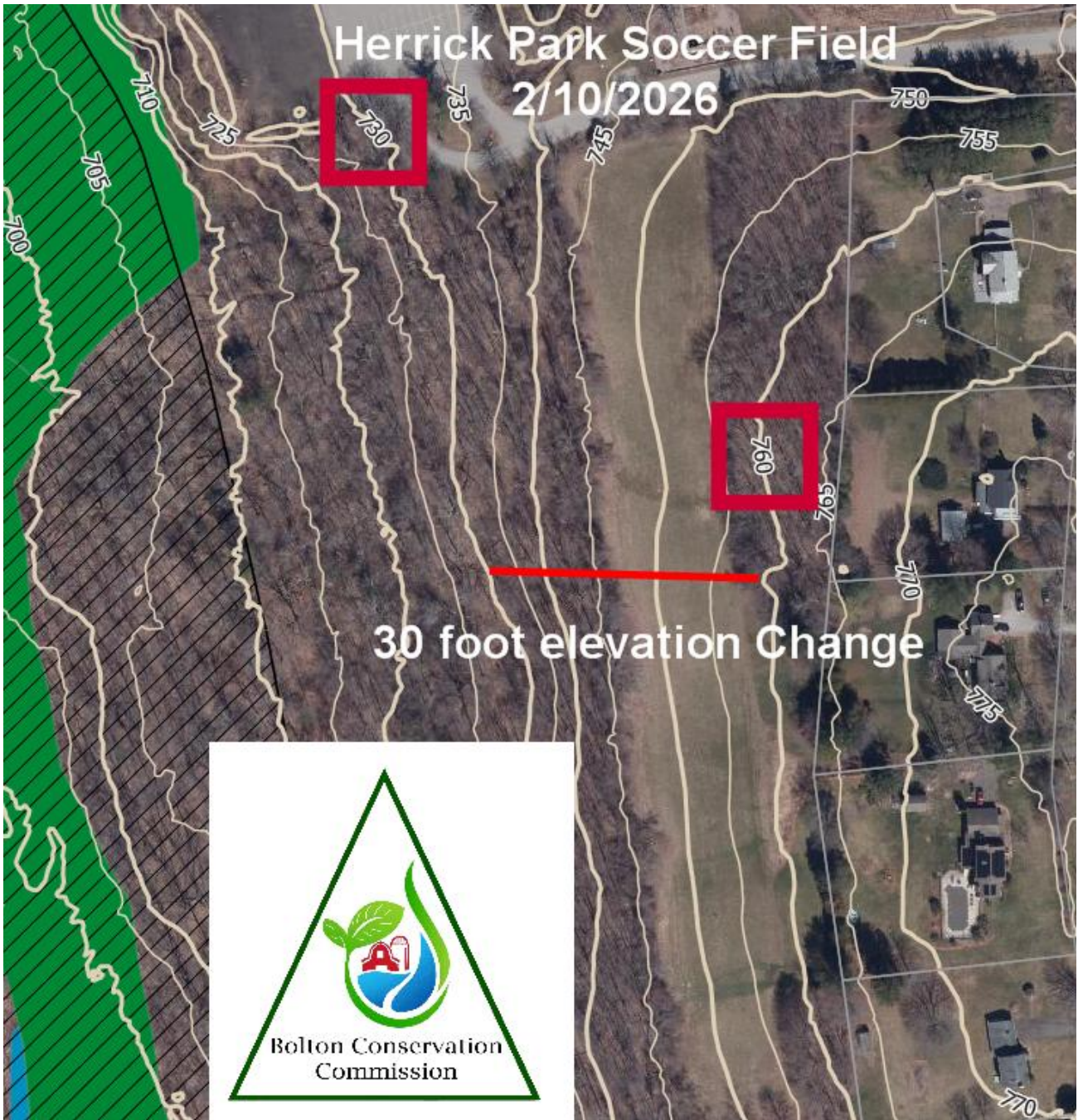
Recommendations 1. Kill the existing sod on the present site with glyphosate. Till the sod once completely dead to pulverize it before stripping the topsoil. The intent is to accelerate its decomposition once the topsoil is stripped and stockpiled. Use a bog harrow followed by a reverse tiller to pulverize the vegetation. 5 2. Add compost to the topsoil before stripping to increase its organic matter content to at least 5% by weight. The organic matter is presently 2.9% by weight. Incorporate the organic matter throughout the top 8 inches of topsoil. This

will save having to mix the compost with the topsoil off site. This same method should be applied to the topsoil in the wooded area if feasible once the trees are cut and the stumps and understory are removed. Otherwise the compost will have to be added when the topsoil in these areas are stripped and stockpiled.



Map #2 Bates Memorial Overlay Area (approximation) 2/11/2026





Finances.

Jane Simao<simaojane5@gmail.com>
Parlee, Rod

Hello Rod,

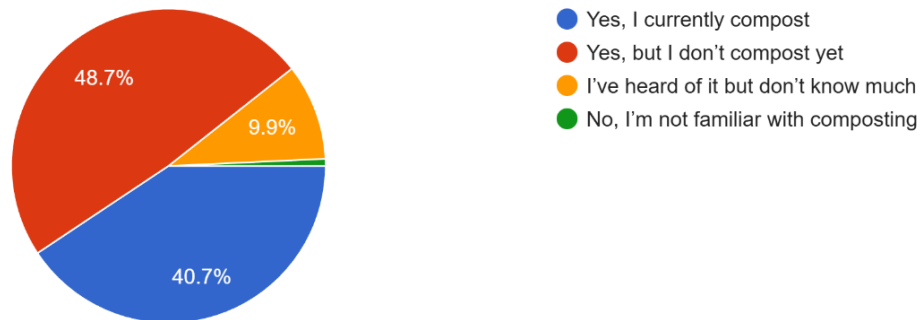
This is Jane Simao, Chairperson of the Tolland Conservation Commission. I am writing in response to the composting presentation you did for us a few months back. Since then, we sent out a town-wide survey to gauge interest in composting. We received responses from over 500 people, most of whom are interested. One item on the survey indicated that many people would be interested in composting but they don't know how to go about it. At our last Commission meeting we discussed this. We would like to arrange a presentation to give people the information they would need to get started. We thought an in person presentation at the public library that could also be accessed by Zoom and recorded would reach the most people. My question for you is- would you, or do you know someone who might be interested in giving this presentation?

Thanks, Jane

Tolland Conservation Commission Composting Survey
January/February 2026 --- 548 responses

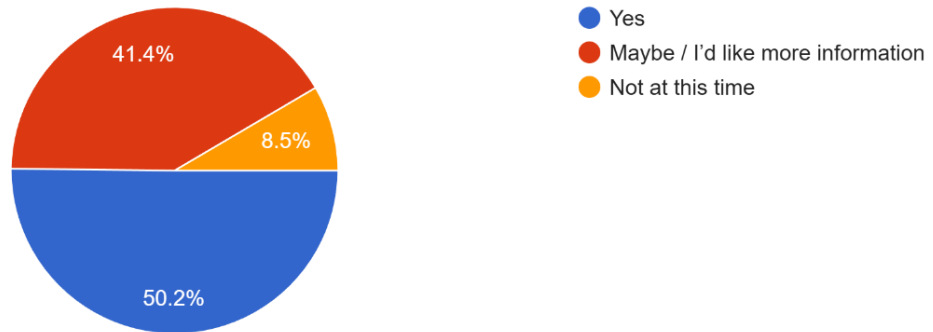
1. Have you heard of composting before?

546 responses



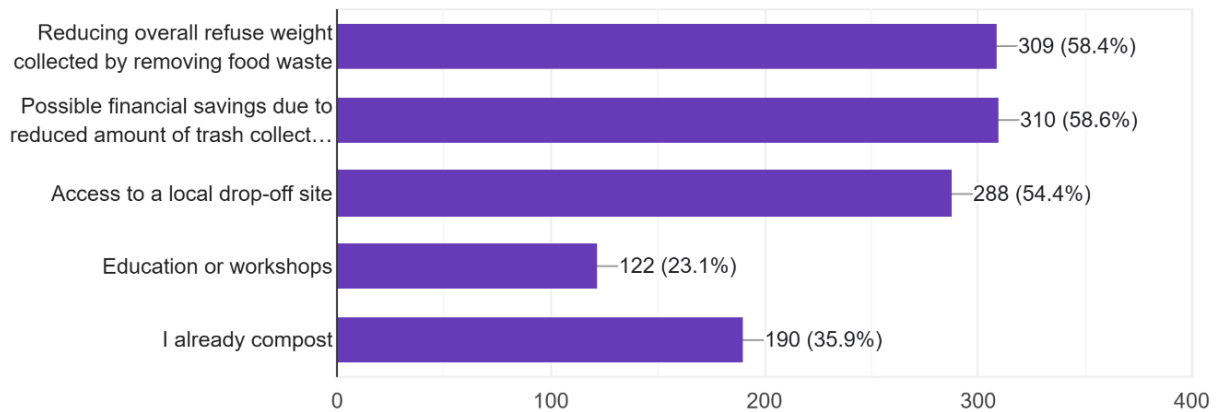
2. Would you be interested in participating in a town-promoted composting program?

544 responses



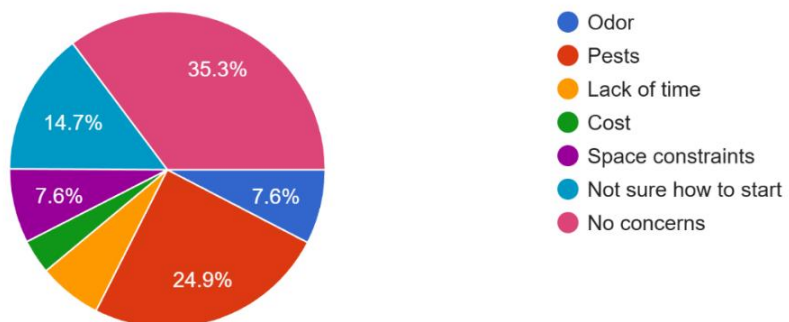
3. What would encourage you to compost? (Select all that apply)

529 responses



4. What concerns, if any, do you have about composting?

539 responses



5. Would you like to receive updates about composting opportunities in Tolland?

532 responses

