

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2016

7:00pm

TOWN HALL

Members present: Rodney Parlee (Chairman), Peter Wilkens (Co-Chair), Brenda Cataldo, Peter Van Dine

Public Guest: Ray Hardy

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order- The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Peter Wilkens, seconded by Brenda Cataldo to approve the agenda with the addition of 4.05 2017-18 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

1.3 Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting on October 3, 2016- A motion was made by Peter Wilkens, seconded by Brenda Cataldo to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Comment- Ray Hardy gave an overview of state and town progress towards fracking waste bans. He shared “(Fracked) Methane & Pipelines: Myths vs. Facts” and “Waste: The Soft & Dirty Underbelly of Fracking” fact sheets with the commission and referenced the book *Precautionary Tools for Reshaping Environmental Policy*. Ray requested that the commission support local efforts to ban fracking waste. It was requested that Ray return with samples of proposed legislature.

3.0 Correspondence- The Chairman noted the following correspondence:

- 10/5/16 E-mail from Ray Hardy- Fracking Waste
- 10/5/16 Letter from Sarah Davies- resignation from commission
- 10/19/16 Letter from U.S. Department of Homeland Security: FEMA Region I- Upcoming Risk Mapping Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) Discovery Meeting for Lower CT Watershed Thursday 11/10/16 1:30pm Council Chambers, South Windsor Town Hall
- 2016 pamphlet “Welcome to the Bolton Lakes Region,” Friends of Bolton Lake
- 2016 Annual Report, Connecticut River Watershed Council
- *CT's Aquatic and Wetland Invasive Plant Identification Guide*, 2nd edition CT Agricultural Experiment Department of Environmental Sciences
- *Backyard Water Resource Guide*, CT River Coastal Conservation District, Inc.
- Fall 2016 *Arc User* and *Arc News*

4.0 Financial Report

4.05 2017-18 Budget- The commission reviewed 10/20/16 Letter from Town containing last year’s account allocations. The group filled out the attached budget questionnaire.

A motion was made by Peter Wilkens, seconded by Brenda Cataldo to request a 2017-18 budget with the same account allocations as last year. The motion passed with one abstention from Peter Van Dine.

4.1 Accounts Balance- Rod Parlee noted the balance of the Conservation Activity Fund. Brenda Cataldo submitted \$38.02 (\$35.75 pre-tax) Staples receipt for RBV educational materials purchased.

4.2 T-Shirts for Fund Raising – Rod Parlee agreed to submit the design to Town and inquire about ordering process.

4.3 Calendar Printing and Ads- Brenda Cataldo submitted \$1,000 in checks from calendar advertisers and receipt from printing company. The group previewed the calendar.

A motion was made by Peter Wilkens, seconded by Peter Van Dine and passed unanimously to pay \$750 from the Conservation Activity Fund to Hedges & Hedges LLTD for calendar production.

4.4 Winter Faire Booth Registration and Staffing- The faire is Saturday 12/3/16 from 9am-3pm.

A motion was made by Peter Wilkens, seconded by Brenda Cataldo and passed unanimously to pay \$20 to Bolton Alumni Association from Professional & Business account to register and table.

4.5 CACIWC Annual Meeting- Early bird registration was submitted and paid for 3 members to attend.

5.0 Unfinished Business

- 5.1 “A Town for All Seasons” Calendar Production & Sales-** Calendars will be sold at events, Town Hall, England Hardware, Bolton Motors and Cropley’s.
- 5.2 New RBV 2017 Date and October 23rd Results-** 2017 RBV moved to 11/5/17. Three conservation members tested 5 sites. Preliminary results were assessed. French Brook- 1 most wanted, 1 moderate, 2 other. Blackledge- no movement. Baker Brook- no movement. Railroad Brook- 2 most wanted, 1 moderate. Bolton Pond Brook- 2 most wanted, 1 moderate, 1 fairy shrimp.
- 5.3 Peak Foliage Hike 2017-** Scheduled for 10/20/17. The commission will reach out to affiliated groups and take part in the Friday after Thanksgiving Hike event with Bolton Land Trust.
- 5.4 Earth Machine Composter Sales-** Cropley’s agreed to sell remaining units. Group will promote at Winter Fair.

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 State Project No. 12-96 Construction of Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path-** The group reviewed a map of the greenway extension through Freja Park. There is a Public Information Meeting to Present Feasibility Study Regarding a Shared Use Path Connection from the Hop River Trail to Quarry Road 11/16/16 at 7pm at the Senior Center.
 - 6.2 BLWCA and Bolton Lakes Forum Report-** Rod Parlee and Peter Van Dine reported on discussions. The group reviewed “Treatment working as Bolton Lakes See Fewer Invasive Plants” article from 10/31/16 Journal Inquirer and 11/2/16 E-mail from Camcore- update on American White Cedar stand sample collection.
 - 6.3 Goals, Mission Statement, Town Charter & PoCD-** The group reviewed document presented by Rod Parlee and noted lead responsibilities in PoCD- to investigate establishing a multi-town entity to monitor and manage water quality in all three Bolton lakes and consider preparing a Natural Resources Inventory. The group discussed recommending a joint letter with Vernon to DEEP regarding coordinated lake drawdowns and updating the natural resource parcel map.
 - 6.4 Outreach-** The commission will continue outreach at events using contact information sheets. Google docs will be used to store information.
 - 6.5 Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates-** 10/24/16 Letter from Town- Schedule of regular meeting dates for 2017 due 1/1/17. Rod Parlee will submit.
- 7.0 Approval of Clerk’s Invoices-** A motion was made by Peter Wilkens, seconded by Brenda Cataldo and passed unanimously to approve the Clerk’s Invoice as submitted for the November 3, 2016 regular meeting.
- 8.0 Adjournment-** A motion was made by Peter Van Dine, seconded by Peter Wilkens and passed unanimously adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Wilkens
Board Clerk

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, December 5, 2016 at Town Hall.

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