

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2017

7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL

Members present: Rodney Parlee, Brenda Cataldo, Peter Van Dine

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order- The Chairman, Rod Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Peter Van Dine, seconded by Brenda Cataldo to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

1.3 Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting on November 2, 2017

A motion was made by Peter Van Dine and seconded by Rod Parlee to approve the regular meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Comment

Bill Anderson, Chair of EDC, discussed the two problems with selling the Town of Bolton,
-High Mill Rate & Strangling Regulations.

Other items discussed were:

- 1.) Rt. 6 Corridor Study
- 2.) Clear cutting as a land management tool.
- 3.) Banning chain link fencing.
- 4.) Getting sponsorship for a new Bolton Welcome Sign.

3.0 Correspondence

-Rod Parlee read the email, “Don’t miss your chance to comment on CT’s Recreation Plan”, from Joyce Stille.

-CT River Conservancy – November Newsletter

-The Habitat – Fall 2017 Issue

-Audubon – CT State of the Birds, The New Bird Atlas

-ACC User - ESRI

4.0 Financial Report-

4.1 Accounts Balance- A motion was made by Brenda Cataldo to accept the Treasurers Report and was seconded by Rod Parlee. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 N/A

4.3 N/A

4.4 A total of \$700.00 for Calendar advertising was collected.

4.5 Rod Parlee made a motion to approve the Budget Request and questionnaire sheet and Brenda Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Calendar Sales, Advertising, and distribution, etc.- 10 calendars went to Town Hall, 5 to England Hardware and 5 to Copley’s Garden Center.

5.2 Photo Contest Publicity- Print up and insert flyers for the 50 remaining calendars.

5.3 Winter Stream Temp. Monitoring – Peter Van Dine agreed to draft a press release in 2018 entitled “Citizen Science” to include information on stream monitoring, lake monitoring studies and RBV volunteering.

5.4 Riffle Bio Results – Rod Parlee reported on the RBV submitted results.
French Brook- 0 Most Wanted, 3 Moderate and 1 Least Wanted.
Railroad Brook- 6 Most Wanted, 3 Moderate and 1 Least Wanted.
Baker Brook- 2 Most Wanted, 1 Moderate and 3 Least Wanted.
Bolton Pond Brook- 2 Most Wanted, 2 Moderate and 1 Least Wanted.

5.5 CACIWC Conference Workshops & Keynote – Peter Van Dine and Brenda Cataldo reported that all workshops attended were very informative and were impressed with each keynote speaker. Rod Parlee reported that it was one of the most successful conferences and attendees reported that they enjoyed exhibits, keynotes, and food.

5.6 Winter Faire tabling- Rod Parlee tabled and sold many calendars and T-shirts.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Petrin Property – Commission agreed to maintain interest in the Petrin Property.

6.2 CT Bird Atlas- Looking for 600 people to participate in the survey.
Fran Zigmont from Audubon has volunteered to help conduct a breeding bird survey of the Bolton Notch/ Valley Falls Watershed.

6.3 Freja Park Kiosk – Rod Parlee spoke with Sandy Pierog about moving the kiosk and canine waste station. The Commission agreed by consensus, to have the DOT move the kiosk to a temporary location appropriate to the new access point from the commuter lot. It was discussed to add a name plate to each kiosk, in recognition of the individual who built each of the four kiosks in town.

6.4 DOT Information Meeting on December 6th - Rod Parlee will be attending.

6.5 Next BLWCA Meeting on December 13th- Grant money will be discussed.

6.6 Winter Trails Day on January 13th- The Commission authorized Rod Parlee to organize the details of Winter Trails Day.

6.7 Outreach Ideas- This was accomplished at Winter Faire.

7.0 Approval of Clerk’s Invoice

Peter Van Dine made a motion to approve the clerk’s invoice as submitted and was seconded by Rod Parlee. The motion passed unanimously.

8.0 Adjournment- A motion was made by Peter Van Dine, seconded by Rod Parlee to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Brenda Cataldo
Conservation Commission Member

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.