

# **BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## **Minutes**

*Regular Meeting*

Monday, April 3, 2017

TOWN HALL

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

**Guest: Milton Hathaway**

### **1.0 Preliminaries**

**1.1 Call Meeting to Order-** The Chairman, Rod Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**1.2 Approval of Agenda-** A motion was made by Peter Wilkens, seconded by Peter Van Dine to approve the agenda with the following additions: **“5.1 Catfish Stocking of LBL & BLWCA Report Bolton Land Trust Report, 6.6 Oil Spill Response in Bolton, 6.7 Heritage Farm Impacts.”** The motion passed unanimously.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting on March 6, 2017-** A motion was made by Peter Van Dine and seconded by Rod Parlee to approve the minutes striking “through Staples” from 4.3 Take A Hike T-Shirts with New BCC Logo. The motion passed with one abstention from Peter Wilkens.

**2.0 Public Comment-** Milton Hathaway shared a report on Bolton Notch Pond. He expressed support for keeping the dam to maintain the current status of the pond. The commission agreed to share a copy of its previous letter supporting the preservation of the dam and to write an updated version.

**3.0 Correspondence-** Rod Parlee noted the following correspondence:

- CT Wildlife Magazine Jan/Feb 2017
- *The Habitat* CACIWC Newsletter Winter 2017
- *Conservation Times* CT River Conservation District Newsletter
- 4/3/17 Letter of Resignation from clerk Melissa Wilkens
- Friends of Bolton Lakes Spring Seminar Flier: April 20, 2017 at 7pm
- Town of Bolton Stormwater Management Plan: 2016 Report
- 3/30/17 E-mail from Meghan Lally of CT DEEP: 2017 Stream Temperature Monitoring Equipment Loans, deadline April 20

A motion was made by Peter Wilkens, seconded by Brenda Cataldo and passed unanimously to submit a request.

### **4.0 Financial Report**

**4.1 Accounts Balance-** The Treasurer Peter Van Dine shared an updated financial report.

A motion was made by Peter Wilkens, seconded by Brenda Cataldo and passed unanimously to accept the report.

**4.2 Take A Hike T-Shirts with New BCC Logo-** Peter Van Dine reported designs have been approved by the Board of Selectmen and purchased from customink.com.

**4.3 NCCD Plant & Seedling Sale Pick Up (4/21, 4/22)-** Rod Parlee shared plant and seedling purchase list. Purchase has been approved by the Board of Selectmen and completed.

**4.4 Calendar & Earth Machine Composter Sales-** No new calendar or earth machine sales.

**4.5 “Ask Me About” T-Shirts-** The Commission reviewed the t-shirt design: removing the oval, changing the font of “Ask Me About,” replacing the seal with the Commission logo, and replacing equivalents with “Stream Assessment” and “Photo Contest.”

A motion was made by Rod Parlee, seconded by Brenda Cataldo and passed unanimously to appropriate up to \$120 from the Conservation Activity Fund for the purchase of outreach t-shirts, pending approval from the Board of Selectmen.

## **5.0 Unfinished Business**

**5.1 Catfish Stocking of LBL & BLWCA Report-** Peter Van Dine reported on the catfish stocking meeting. Currently there is an established catfish population without stocking. Rod Parlee reported BLWCA did not meet in March and will meet Thursday. Discussion will include maps of Upper Bolton Lake, Atlantic White Cedar stands in Tolland and Coventry and inflow streams.

## **5.2 Natural Resource Inventory**

a) **Create List of Matrix Sources-** Rod Parlee will maintain lists of sources used for reference in parcel ranking.

b) **Petrin Parcel Evaluation-** The Commission ranked this property using the matrix and compared results to 2006 ranking.

c) **Next Evaluation- Former Rt. 6 Property-** The next parcel for evaluation was selected.

## **6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Results of Vernal Pools Day (3/25)-** Rod Parlee reported results of Vernal Pools Day hike. Event was great collaboration with wetlands group. He submitted the event sign in sheet to Brenda Cataldo, who volunteered to maintain records for outreach.

**6.2 Earth Day (4/22) Trails Day(6/3)-** Rod Parlee shared fliers for events: Earth Day fairy house building contest in Freja Park, Trails Day hike with Matt Largess and Ernie Harris in Herrick Park at 8am and Trails Day rolling museum event at 1pm.

**6.3 Results of CLCC Conference-** Rod Parlee reported on workshops and networking. Topics included logging and forest management. Ecologist Harry White of Norfolk presented. Jeanne Davies, executive director of CT Resource Conservation & Development shared information on assistance with natural resource inventories.

**6.4 Photo Contest Deadline (5/15) Winning Prizes & Family Day (5/29)-** Prizes were elected.

**6.5 Trees Posted for Cutting at BCS Entrance-** Rod Parlee reported on posting. The Commission will inquire about the process for selecting cistern sites and consideration of ecological value.

**6.6 Oil Spill Response in Bolton-** Brenda Cataldo and Rod Parlee reported on recent spill from garbage truck hydraulic leak on Brookfield, Goodwin and Cider Mill Roads. The Commission will inquire about protocols for the Town response plan for such spills, not covered by the State.

**6.7 Heritage Farm Impacts-** Brenda Cataldo and Rod Parlee reported on tracks and mowing disturbing vernal pool and pond habitat on Heritage Farm.

A motion was made by Rod Parlee, seconded by Peter Van Dine and passed unanimously to write a letter of inquiry regarding maintenance procedures and suggest a map showing areas of ecological concern on site.

**7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice-** Peter Van Dine made a motion to approve the clerk's invoice and was seconded by Brenda Cataldo. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.0 Adjournment-** A motion was made by Peter Van Dine, seconded by Brenda Cataldo to adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Wilkens  
Conservation Commission 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, May 1, 2017 at Town Hall.

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