

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2017

7:30 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 7:41 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 May 1, 2017 and Special Meeting on May 18, 2017

Corrections to May 1, 2017 Regular meeting minutes; Add under item 1.2, “Motion passed unanimously.” A motion was made by Peter Van Dine and seconded by Rod Parlee to approve the regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Corrections to May 18, 2017 Special meeting minutes; Correct item 3.0 spelling of Gwen “Marrion’s” name and under item 5.0 add “Motion passed unanimously.” A motion was made by Peter Van Dine and seconded by Rod Parlee to approve the Special Meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Comment- none

3.0 Correspondence- Rod Parlee noted the following correspondence:

- A letter from Jan Carlow thanking the BCC for support with Bolton Family Day and assisting with setup and clean up.
- A letter from Lance Dimock, Town Tree Warden regarding the Public Hearing that was held on April 26, 2017. There were 3 appeals- objecting to the removal of the trees in front of Bolton Center School. If the 11 trees are to be removed, each tree will be replaced and planted as street trees along Notch Road, on Town properties per the Town of Bolton.
- Bolton Land Trust Membership Appeal– Peter Van Dine requested approval from the Selectman’s Administrator for the BCC to become a member of the BLT in the amount of \$25.00. A motion was made by Peter Van Dine and seconded by Rod Parlee. The motion passed unanimously.
- Agawam Advertiser Newspaper- Article on the Robinson State Park Day “BioBlitz”, that was held on June 17, 2017 in Agawam. Rod Parlee, Matt Largess, Bob Nuzzo and Veronica Bobskill participated in this event.
- June 2017, Bolton passed the Fracking Waste Ban in the Town of Bolton.
- A motion was made by Peter Van Dine and seconded by Rod Parlee to join the CLCC – (Connect Land Conservation Council), for a \$25.00 donation per BoS approval. The motion passed unanimously.
- An article in the Journal Inquirer, June 29, 2017 – regarding, DEEP reports on the health of the “gypsy moth caterpillars”. For more information go to: <http://blog.extension.uconn.edu/2017/06/26/gypsy-mothcaterpillar-update/>
- East Coast Greenway Map- Rod Parlee asked for unanimous consent, to contact the East Coast Greenway Conservation Alliance, regarding incorrect Shenipsit Trail delineation through Freja park and the connecting bike trail to Indian Notch Park. The Commission agreed unanimously.

4.0 Financial Report-

4.1 Accounts Balance- To Be Determined

4.2 Family Day Sales - Peter Van Dine will deposit \$167.00 to the Activity Fund from the sale of plants and one earth machine.

4.3 “Ask Me About”- T-shirts - Original order was defective. New shirts have been received and accepted.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Results of the Bates Trail Work Party and The Trail Day Event – Peter Van Dine and Rod Parlee prepared the trail by cleaning up litter and clearing the trail of debris in preparation for Trails Day. A total of 19 participants enjoyed learning about uncommon trees from Matt Largess, such as the American Chestnut. Everyone also enjoyed listening to the many birds along the trail, with Ernie Harris identifying unique bird species including a Black-billed cuckoo.

5.2 Natural Resource Inventory- Parcel Evaluation/Matrix - A scheduled sitewalk of the Rt.6 Property was planned for July 28, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. with Rod Parlee, Peter Van Dine and Brenda Cataldo. Rod Parlee will also check with Ray Hardy, to possibly attend. It was agreed that the Natural Resource Inventory Parcel Evaluation Matrix is good to prioritize, but a site walk is paramount. The Commission agreed to also kayak Notch Pond on a future date.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Acquisition of Strangeland Property – 53-acre parcel - \$149,000 plus \$1,000 in legal costs. Acquisition meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2017 at Bolton High School. The Chair urged all to attend. The BCC discussed the possible acquisition of the Strangeland Property in a positive manner.

6.2 Stream Temperature Monitoring Update was suggested for a Rt.6 property. The next riffle bio assessment is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2017. Chairman, Rod Parlee dropped off a large bin of RBV equipment including 3 kick nets, which will be stored in the basement of Town Hall.

6.3 Kick-off of the 17th Annual Town Wide Photo Contest, with the same photo categories. A motion was made by Rod Parlee and seconded by Peter Van Dine. The motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Calendar Production Timeline – Rough draft of calendar photos along with dates is planned for the August 14, 2017 BCC meeting. An August 31, 2017 date for completion of the calendar was suggested.

6.5 Lower Bolton Lake Status Update Summer Sessions -Information Session – Summer Seminar on aquatic plants and invasives, with Gregory Bugbee, CAES on July 27, 2017 at Camp Newhoca.

6.6 BLWCA – The next tentative meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2017. Grant Opportunities- Presented by Shelly Jewel.

6.7 Outreach Ideas – Peter Van Dine suggested having a Special Meeting to work on a power point presentation for the BCC, for use as a marketing tool.

6.8 Election of Officers – Rod Parlee, Chairman, moved to elect Brenda Cataldo to be Secretary, Peter Van Dine seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Rod Parlee made a motion to elect Peter Van Dine as Vice Chairman and Treasurer, Brenda Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Peter Van Dine made a motion to elect Rod Parlee for Chairman and Brenda Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

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

8.0 August Meeting Date – is scheduled for August 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

9.0 Adjournment - A motion was made by Brenda Cataldo, seconded by Peter Van Dine to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 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, August 14, 2017 at Town Hall.

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