

Bolton Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 7, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.  
Town Hall

Members Present: Chair Rodney Parlee, Peter Van Dine and Brenda Cataldo

Others Present: Alan Bicknell and Recording Secretary Linda McDonald

1.0 **Preliminaries:** Call Meeting to Order: R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda:

R. Parlee motioned to add Family Day to item 6.2 and Northern CT Land Trust Kayak Trip to item 6.5. R. Parlee MOVED to accept the agenda as amended. B. Cataldo SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

1.3 Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting on April 2, 2018:

The minutes from the 4/2/18 meeting was amended as follows:

“10.0 B. Cataldo MOVED to adjourn the meeting at ~~9:27~~ 10:27 p.m.”

B. Cataldo MOVED to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 2, 2018 as amended. P. Van Dine SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

2.0 **Public Comment:** None.

3.0 **Correspondence:**

- Correspondence from Bolton Land Trust dated April 2, 2018 highlighting their accomplishments in 2017.
- The Friends of Valley Fall Inc. newsletter listing upcoming events
- Map of Freja Park – current maps are outdated and do not include the new bike path entrance
- Photo of Notch Pond – R. Parlee asked the members to check for siltation along the highway if out kayaking in the pond.
- Spring 2018 ESRI UC
- Connecticut River Conservancy April 2018-request for membership
- Arc news Spring 2018
- Winter/Spring 2018 Issue of The Habitat - CACIWC 2018 annual meeting scheduled for November 17th

4.0 **Financial Report:** P. Van Dine presented the Treasurer’s Report. B. Cataldo MOVED to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. R. Parlee SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

5.0 **Unfinished Business**

5.1 Recycling at our Schools and Recycled Paper: R. Parlee said he is waiting for a response from Ray Boyd regarding recycling at the schools. R. Parlee will contact Jan Carlo regarding planning for the BCC

at Family Day. R. Parlee said he received an email from Deb Livingston on a power point presentation on recycling her sons are putting together hoping to present to the Board of Education.

5.2 Brochure Production: The members discussed adding information to the brochures for recruitment members to the BCC. Consensus of the commission was to focus on editing the “Dead Wood: let it Rest in Peace” brochure first. B. Cataldo will work on this project.

The members said they would check on a site of a potential vernal pool near Route 44 and Vernon Road to add to the natural resource inventory documenting the locations of the town’s vernal pools.

5.3 2018-2019 Calendar Production Schedule:

P. Van Dine recommended moving up the commission’s task of identifying the days to add information to. The calendar will be a 14-month calendar and is scheduled to go to print on August 1, 2018.

5.4 Photo Contest Outreach in Schools: R. Parlee received an email from Bolton High School art teacher Lisa Argentea who said her students are excited about participating to the contest. Photo submissions are on Bolton Photo.

5.5 Earth Day Results: R. Parlee commented that Earth Day events went well. The members concurred. Discussion followed on ways to include A. Bicknell’s Native American activities possibly at Heritage Farms Day and to include the BCC having a table top exhibit at the event. Discussion followed on ways to engage middle school students at future Earth Day events.

Discussion followed on having a Freja Park event (Grand Re-Opening of new Freja Park entrance) when the kiosk is replaced, including a tie-in with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town’s ownership of Freja park (1968).

5.6 University of St. Joseph Bio-Blitz results: R. Parlee attended this event with Matt Largess and reported there were 139 species identified on the university campus.

## **6.0 New Business**

6.1 Schedule Special May Meeting for Photo Contest Judging:

Consensus of the members was to schedule a BCC special meeting for the photo contest judging on Thursday, May 17 or Tuesday, May 22, dependent upon the availability of the meeting room in Town Hall.

6.2 Kids to Parks Day (May 19): R. Parlee is leading “Take a Tree Hike” in Herrick Park and A. Bicknell will talk about Native American history with the children.

Trails Day, (June 2): R. Parlee said this is a one- way hike event at Freja Park in conjunction with the Vernon Conservation Commission. (8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

Family Day (May 28): The BCC will have a table at this event to sell plants and give out plants to the winners of the photo contest.

6.3 Winter/Summer Stream Temperature Monitoring: P. Van Dine reported that he purchased a waterproof shuttle from DEEP. He said the shuttle downloads all the data in the hobo from the winter and the hobo gets reset for the summer monitoring when re- installed into the stream. The members

reviewed the data graph provided by P. Van Dine. The members discussed arrangements to complete the monitoring of the remaining streams before the end of May.

6.4 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: R. Parlee said the committee has held two meetings. B. Cataldo volunteered to attend future meetings as the representative from the BCC. Discussion followed on possibly tying in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day with this event in 2020.

6.5 Next BLWCA Meeting and Northern CT Land Trust Kayak Trip: R. Parlee said he will request to the board to re-schedule the May BLWCA meeting and possibly change the meeting schedule from monthly to bi-monthly. P. Van Dine commented on his participation in the Northern CT Land Trust Kayak Trip where he took water samples to determine nitrogen levels in the water.

6.6 Notch Pond Dam: R. Parlee reported that Gwen Marrison will speak before the Board of Selectmen on the topic of replacing/repairing the failing dam at their meeting on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed on the limited state funding allocated to these projects.

6.7 Outreach: Discussion followed on the BCC promoting membership through brochures and/or tabling. R. Parlee said he would work on a power point presentation.

7.0 **Approval of Clerk's Invoice:** P. Van Dine MOVED to approve the clerk's invoice as submitted. B. Cataldo SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

8.0 **Adjournment:** P. Van Dine MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. B. Cataldo SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

*Linda H. McDonald*

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