

Bolton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 4, 2018-7:30 p.m.
Town Hall

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

Others Present: Alan Bicknell, Richard (Dick) Treat, Recording Secretary Leslie Brand

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order: R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda: P. Van Dine motioned to add Approval for Expenditure to item 4.0
R. Parlee moved to accept the agenda as amended. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

1.3 Minutes Approval of May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting and May 17, 2018 Special Meeting
Brenda moved to approve the May 7, 2018, minutes as written. P. Van Dine seconded. Motion
carried 3:0:0

The minutes from the May 17, 2018 special meeting were amended to add the winners of the 2018
Photo Contest as follows:

Beauty of Open Space: 1st place - \$75.00 LLBean Gift Card - Cliff Manzone
2nd place - Red Twig Dogwood - Alan Brewer
3rd place - Custom Bolton Earth Day T-Shirt - Steven Kornfeld

Beauty of Nature and Wildlife: 1st place - Flowering Dogwood Tree - Sylvia Ounpuu
2nd place - Franklinia Tree - Pam Yonika
3rd place - Custom Bolton Earth Day T-Shirt - Donna Miner

People in the Environment: 1st place - Flowering Dogwood Tree - Margaret McGuire
2nd place - Franklinia Tree - Kate Duffy
3rd place - Custom Bolton Earth Day T-Shirt - Scott Livingston

Examples of Green Living: 1st place - \$75.00 LLBean Gift Card - Scott Livingston
2nd place - Blackhaw Viburnum Shrub – Sylvia Ounpuu
3rd place - Custom Bolton Earth Day T-Shirt – Garrett Hovan

B. Cataldo moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting on May 17, 2018 as amended. P.
Van Dine seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

2.0 Public Comment

None

3.0 Correspondence

Magazine from ArcUser (The magazine for Esri Software Users)

Booklet-“A Practical Guide for Protecting Water Quality While Harvesting Forest Products”

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.

P. Van Dine motioned to spend the \$24.19 in the Office Account on an Epson 159 matte toner cartridge. R. Parlee seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

Committee balance was \$3,900.00 at the beginning of fiscal year. It is \$4,200.00 at the end of the fiscal year.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Brochures Production

B. Cataldo has produced a brochure on deadwood.

Additional brochure proposals are:

Freja Park

Vernal Pools

Herrick Park-including map

Consensus was to share the brochures with the BOS for their review.

5.2 Photo Contest & Family Day Results

Prizes have been distributed with the exception of one 3rd place prize (Tee Shirt)

People were pleased with the prizes with gift certificates being the most popular.

Consider changing the photo categories for 2019 and do not allow the same photo to compete in different categories.

Recycling was not very successful on Family Day.

The Conservation Commission table top exhibit was popular. Perhaps keep all booths that are nature related together for next year.

5.3 Trails Day Results

Carpooling worked well point to point. 14 people participated at Freja Park. Weather was very warm with rain in the forecast. 12 people made the walk to Bolton Lake. Trails were in great shape. 35 bikes went to the tunnel with Bike Walk Bolton.

R. Parlee talked at the vernal pool and biked to Andover as the sweep person.

5.4 Freja and Herrick Park Work Party

R. Parlee and B. Cataldo spoke with the Assistant Scout Master for Troop 3. Scouts could help with cleanup and with planting of pine trees, milkweed and blueberry bushes. A trail recon meeting will be held at 5:30 on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at Freja Park. Thursday, June 21, 2018, will be a backup date. All parties to meet at the commuter lot.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Support for 89 Church St Realty Acquisition by BLT

R. Treat spoke on behalf of the Land Trust. They are applying for a Community Forest Grant to acquire this parcel (67 acres). The Lombardy Ridge preserve which is currently owned by the Land Trust abuts the space. The grant will provide half of the funds to purchase the property. The Land Trust will fund the other half. R. Treat noted that this purchase would not deplete the funds of the Land Trust. A contribution is pending completion of the deal. Without 50% participation from others the purchase would not be possible. If the grant is not received, the property will be lost. This acquisition would grant access from Lombardy Preserve to Heritage Farm and would allow for an unbroken forest. There is no plan to clear cut the property. A timber harvest would not be done to raise funds. Removal of invasives and cutting is possible using very selective practices and protecting old growth and wetlands. The Land Trust has owned several hundred acres for 20 years and has never done any cutting.

R. Treat is asking for written support from the BCC that he can present to the grant committee. G. Marrion has drafted a letter for the BCC to submit to support the acquisition of this parcel. The deadline for applying for the grant is late June. The BCC proposes adding statements about sustainable logging and the idea that this parcel could be a model plot of how to manage a forest.

P. Van Dine motioned to support the 89 Church St Realty Acquisition by BLT. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

6.2 Open Space Mapping

R. Parlee and P. Van Dine had discussed producing an open space map. P. Van Dine has agreed to work on this with input from others i.e. P&Z, Land Trust, Patrice, etc. This would be a good method for showing greenways, easements, and brief descriptions of properties.

6.3 Notch Pond Dam

G. Marrion spoke to the BOS regarding the removal or rebuilding of the dam. The dam will return to a shrubby wetland if no repair is done. BOS subcommittee is investigating. P. Van Dine will inspect the dam for leakage, etc. and will make a recommendation to the BCC.

6.4 2018-19 Calendar Production Schedule

Photo selection has begun. Including a photo collage of all of the photos that were submitted for the photo contest may increase participation in the contest but there is a concern with space and the size of the photos. More time should be taken to review special days in Bolton and holidays before printing in early August.

Selecting photos to approve will take place in July.

6.5 Summer Stream Temperature Monitoring

Six streams are currently being monitored and data is being downloaded to the State in cooperation with the DEEP. Streams will be monitored for dryness and thermometer will be removed if necessary. M. Lally with the DEEP would like us to purchase hobo shuttles and increase the number of streams that we are monitoring.

6.6 Next BLWCA Meeting

To be held Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Potentially discuss applying for grants.

6.7 Recycle Challenge

R. Parlee noted that people need to be educated on recycling. As an idea for Heritage Day or another event in 2019, find small versions of a recycle bin and a trash bin to display on a table top with small examples of items to recycle and items to throw away. Have prizes for each person (primarily children) who correctly identifies the correct disposal of items.

6.8 Outreach

R. Parlee will put together a power point presentation promoting the BCC. B. Cataldo will donate a calendar to library.

7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

B. Cataldo moved to approve the clerk's invoice as submitted. P. Van Dine seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

8.0 Adjournment

P. Van Dine moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2018, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Brand

Leslie J. Brand

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

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