

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2018

7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL

Members Present: Chairman Rodney Parlee, Alan Bicknell, Brenda Cataldo (arrived at 7:15) and Peter Van Dine

Others Present: Recording Secretary Leslie Brand

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1.2 Minutes Approval of October 1, 2018 Regular Meeting

A. Bicknell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. R. Parlee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Comment- None

3.0 Correspondence

3.1 Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates 2019

The Town Clerk sent a notice of the requirement to publish meeting dates for 2019: R. Parlee prepared the list of dates and submitted it to the commission members and the Town Clerk

Letter from J. Stille re: FY20 budget process with questionnaire

Letter from USGS New England WSC, Maine office dated October 2017 regarding brook and river flooding in respect to the determination of future flood insurance rates. The BCC is interested in flood prone areas of town and development thereof and will follow through with the modeling and mapping project. Contact person is Liz Ahearn (860) 291-6745

https://newengland.water.usgs.gov/fema_lowerct/

Publications: Environmental GIS Data for Connecticut, 2003 Edition. Software included.

ESRI bulletin

“The Habitat” newsletter from CACIWC

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 FY2019-2020 Budget

Budget questionnaire from J. Stille must be completed. P. Van Dine will prepare answers and bring them to the next BCC meeting.

Budget report was presented. There are outstanding PO's for the calendars and brochures.

B. Cataldo made a motion to accept the budget as presented. A. Bicknell seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

P. Van Dine made a motion to spend \$32.44 on pizza for the RBV on October 4, 2018.

A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Calendar “Hitchhiker” Envelope Appropriation

\$84.00 cost for “Hitchhiker” envelopes, \$785.00 for calendars and \$50.00 for stamps \$850.00 was previously appropriated.

P. Van Dine brought up a concern about using Town funds for the calendar fundraiser.

B. Cataldo noted that the BCC has approval to sell the calendar but not to solicit donations.

Discussion ensued. R. Parlee will contact J. Stille requesting approval.

B. Cataldo made a motion to appropriate \$84.00 for "Hitchhiker" envelopes pending approval. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Postage Appropriation

A. Bicknell made a motion to appropriate \$50.00 to purchase 100 "Birds in Winter" stamps from the USPS. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 2018-2019 Calendar Printing and Circulation

B. Cataldo provided a draft of the final calendar. Pictures and dates were compared to the prior year. The commission members were very pleased. Specific supplies i.e. waders, stream monitoring devices, gloves, and headlamps should be mentioned as needs in the hitchhiker envelopes. Calendars need to be distributed as soon as possible to sponsors. Calendars will be for sale for \$10.00 each at England Hardware, the Town Clerk's office, and Cropley's. Additional sales will be held at the Winter Faire in December and at the CACIWC annual meeting on November 17, 2018.

5.2 Calendar; Envelope, Photo Contest and "A Guide to Recycling" Inserts

Flyer for Photo Contest and "A Guide to Recycling" inserts will be copied at the Town Hall pending approval from J. Stille.

5.3 Dead Wood Brochure-Final Proof

Final proof was reviewed. B. Cataldo will make a small wording change and proceed with printing. Hedges & Hedges will print 100 copies of 3 brochures.

5.4 Freja Park 50th Anniversary/Kiosk Reinstallation

Gate is in place. Kiosk has not yet been replaced. Ponding has been noticed on the highway. A new waterproof binder will be needed for sign-ins. P. Van Dine will follow up.

5.5 Open Space Mapping

P. Van Dine will work with the GIS software received as part of the correspondence above.

5.6 Freja/Herrick/BNSP Trail Monitor Report

A. Bicknell noted that Herrick Park is still very wet. Mohegan Trail had very little litter although there is a large fallen tree blocking the trail. R. Parlee will contact the State regarding this. There was a blaze stripped from a mountain laurel. The tread way was difficult to distinguish due to fallen leaves. No hunters or tree stands were noted. The vernal pool was full. Black spot is very noticeable on the mountain laurel. Nothing to report on Freja Park. No woolly adelgid noted on the hemlocks.

6.0 New Business

6.1 CACIWC 41st Annual Meeting November 17th (Tabling & Photo Shoot)

The BCC will be tabling. B. Cataldo will be photographing the workshops and displays. 24 displays are expected. Calendars will be available for sale at \$10.00 each.

6.2 Results of Foliage Hike on October 20th

The speaker, Dr. James Mickley, was very informative especially concerning gypsy moth infestation. Fifteen people attended with a lot of camaraderie amongst the participants.

An American chestnut tree was identified. A. Bicknell to contact Dr. Mickley regarding soil temperature monitoring, etc.

6.3 Results of Stream Temperature Monitoring Data Retrieval

P. Van Dine, A. Bicknell and R. Parlee checked five monitors and changed four, removing the one at Bates Trail. P. Van Dine to compare data and prepare graphs. All four temperature monitors are intact as of November 4, 2018.

6.4 Results of RBV on Sunday October 4th

R. Parlee thanked B. Cataldo for hosting. The healthiest stream is Bolton Pond Brook with 4 most wanted, 1 moderately wanted and 1 least wanted (4:1:1). Railroad Brook is the second with 3:2:1. Baker Brook is next with 3:0:1. French Brook is last with 2:2:1.

6.5 BLWCA Report- AWC GPR & Sediment Coring Project

BCC has been a member for seven years. Two members attended from each town. Robert Thorson from UCONN attended. A question that arose was: What level of water is the best for the Atlantic White Cedar? The geological history of the sinkhole is being researched. Graduate students studying under Professor Ouimet will be doing core samples to try to determine aging and activity.

6.6 Volunteer Water Monitoring Conference

P. Van Dine will be on the steering committee and he noted that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2019 at a location to be determined. Keynote speakers are being sought.

6.7 Bolton Lakes Management Plan

P. Van Dine noted that the Town of Bolton has charged the BLWCA with coming up with a POCD. The Friends of Bolton Lake are putting together a management plan.

6.8 Sale of Composters

Composters will be offered for \$40.00 each at the Winter Fair in December

7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

P. Van Dine made a motion to accept the clerks invoice as presented. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 Adjournment

P. Van Dine made a motion to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2018, 7:00 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.

