

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 7, 2019
7:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL

Members Present: Chairman Rodney Parlee, Alan Bicknell, Brenda Cataldo (arrived at 7:09 p.m.) 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 7:01 p.m.

1.2 Minutes Approval of December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting

Under 4.2, P. Van Dine clarified that he feels that fundraising projects are acceptable as opposed to requesting donations. P. Van Dine moved to accept the minutes as amended. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Comment: No Public Comment

3.0 Correspondence

Letter dated 12/24/18 from Marcus Communications re: forestry work on Box Mountain.
2007 "Photo Frolic" picture montage
USGS map of Clark-Toomey property showing wetlands in relation to Heritage Farm
Article about the reduction of illegal activities in Freja Park

4.0 Financial Report

P. Van Dine submitted the financial report. B. Cataldo moved to approve the report as submitted. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.1 Approve Appropriation of \$271.00 for 2 Hobo Water Temp Pro v2 from CAF

A. Bicknell moved to confirm appropriation of \$271.00 from the Conservation Activity Fund to purchase 2 Hobo Water Temp Pro v2. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Conservation Activity Fund Proposal by Peter Van Dine

Tabled until later in the year.

4.3 Calendar Publisher Payment & Possible Follow Up Payment Policy

B. Cataldo to follow up with the printer. All invoices for Conservation Commission purchases should be sent to P. Van Dine, BCC Treasurer at his home address, 81 Vernon Road, Bolton, CT 06043, emailed to petervandine81@comcast.net, or faxed to 860-361-2324. Also any invoices or copies of invoices which may fall into your hands should be forwarded to the Treasurer in the same manner. The Treasurer shall promptly forward them to the Town Finance Office with the necessary Request for Payment as appropriate.

Invoices should be received with the receipt of the product or service. P. Van Dine moved to accept the above proposal. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Freja Park, Notch Pond Kiosk Lexan Replacement 31x48”

A. Bicknell to research vendors and prices.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 2019 Calendar Printing, Sales and Funds

100 calendars were printed. To date, \$510.00 has been received from calendar sales. 11 calendars were given to sponsors, one to the Board Clerk, one to Fish Family Farm and one to the library. 37 calendars remain to be sold. Fundraising efforts will be revisited in February.

5.2 Winter Trails Day on Saturday, January 12th

Beginning at Heritage Farm from 1:00 to 3:30 with Ray Hardy. A. Bicknell will identify trees along the trail. Registration is required. R. Parlee to publish on the Facebook page “Everything Bolton”.

5.3 Freja Park 50th Anniversary/Kiosk Reinstallation

R. Parlee texted S. Pierog regarding the timeframe for the kiosk reinstallation. There is a conflict between the State and Town. Reinstallation is scheduled for the spring. R. Parlee to write a letter to the BOS regarding inspecting the kiosk for damage and reinstallation. P. Van Dine will follow up with the guest of honor for the 50th anniversary celebration. The anniversary will be noted in the Freja Park brochure.

5.4 Open Space Mapping

There is no active committee in town to handle open space acquisition. R. Parlee will reestablish BCC access to the town GIS computer to facilitate moving forward on open space mapping.

5.5 Freja/Herrick/BNSP Trail Monitor Report

A. Bicknell and R. Parlee verified boundaries of proposed patch cut on Box Mountain and will monitor the progress. Herrick Park needs to be re-blazed.

6.0 New Business

6.1 IWC Jurisdictional Ruling on Box Mt. Timber Harvest

R. Parlee and A. Bicknell attended the Inland Wetlands Commission meeting. A map was submitted at that meeting that showed the cutting area but was not self-explanatory or completely accurate. R. Parlee brought up a concern of vernal pools in the harvest area.

6.2 Stream Temperature Monitoring in Freja Park

P. Van Dine, A. Bicknell and R. Parlee met on January 31, 2018, to place the monitors. Monthly monitoring and documentation is suggested.

6.3 BCC Citizen Science Initiative

P. Van Dine has been actively working on this. The CT DEEP Volunteer Water Monitoring Conference will be held at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich on Friday, April 5th. Portions of the display from Bentley Memorial Library will be utilized as part of the BCC proposed poster exhibit with an explanation of water monitoring with photos of hobos and possibly the RBV process. R. Parlee noted that Sonic Tomography is new technology to monitor the structural health of trees. These monitors may become the norm in the future.

6.4 Theme for Bentley Memorial Library in March

The BCC will have a display in the case at the library to showcase the Commission's work. Portions of the display will be presented at the CT DEEP Water Monitoring conference mentioned above. A. Bicknell is taking the lead on this.

6.5 Vernal Pools Day, Earth Day & Trails Day

Tabled for future discussion.

6.6 FBL and BLWCA Report – AWC GPR & Sediment Coring Project

The joint UConn NRCS coring project is in progress. Access is limited due to the weather related ice conditions. P. Van Dine is in contact with the project manager. BLWCA meeting will be on Wednesday January 9th. R. Parlee to discuss the possibility of having a drone to fly over the area. P. Van Dine mentioned that water samples were taken from Bolton Lake on December 29, 2018. Probes were used to monitor oxygen and ph. Results were somewhat unusual. There has been a study of cyanobacteria that is overwintering in lake sediment. The Friends of Bolton Lake have purchased testing equipment to monitor this.

Addition to the Agenda 6.7 Annual Report

P. Van Dine moved to make this addition. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The prior report was distributed to Commission members for review. R. Parlee will distribute the current proposed report to Commission members prior to the February meeting.

7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

P. Van Dine moved to accept the clerks invoice as submitted. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 Adjournment

P. Van Dine moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2019, 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.

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