

**BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 4, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**TOWN HALL**

Members Present: Chairman Rodney Parlee, Alan Bicknell and Brenda Cataldo  
Others Present: Recording Secretary Leslie Brand

**1.0 Preliminaries**

**1.1 Call Meeting to Order**

R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

**1.2 Minutes Approval of February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting and February 11, 2019 Special Meeting**

A. Bicknell moved to approve the February 11, 2019, Special Meeting minutes as submitted. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Bicknell moved to approve the February 4, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes as submitted. R. Parlee seconded. B. Cataldo abstained. Motion passed 2:1:0.

**2.0 Public Comment:** No public comment

**3.0 Correspondence**

North Central Conservation District Spring 2019 Seedling sale brochure  
ARC User Winter 2019  
Aquarion Water Company 2019 Environmental Champion Awards  
Emerald Ash Borer report from "Today Search"  
Instructions for using the Wetland Application Review Tool (WART)

**4.0 Financial Report**

P. Van Dine submitted the report via Email. B. Cataldo moved to submit a purchase order from the Activity Fund not to exceed \$110.00 to purchase a 30" x 30" banner. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Bicknell moved to appropriate \$25.00 from the Activity Fund for a Colorado Blue Spruce bundle (25 seedlings) to be ordered from NCCD by March 27, 2019, to be picked up on Friday April 12, 2019. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Cataldo moved to accept the Treasurers Report as submitted. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**5.0 Unfinished Business**

**5.1 2019, 2020 Calendars**

A few 2019 calendars remain to be sold. Work will begin on the 2020 calendar in May. October 7, 2019, will be the target publishing date. This will be a 13 month calendar. R. Parlee feels that winter scenes should be the focus for the January through March photos. A donation envelope will be included in the 2020 calendar. The library

and Town Hall were thought to be the best places to sell the calendars. A. Bicknell suggested selling calendars at a discount (\$5.00) to local businesses for them to resell at \$10.00.

### **5.2 Freja Kiosk Inspection, Reinstallation and Lexan Replacement**

P. Van Dine and R. Parlee met with a town employee to inspect the kiosk. The kiosk looks repairable although a preservative should be used on the legs before putting them in the ground. R. Parlee will contact the Town to suggest that the town treat the legs as necessary and install the kiosk. The lexan replacement will be easier to do once the kiosk is in place. B. Cataldo suggested using a hinged piece of lexan. Laminated materials should be used for the display.

### **5.3 Open Space Mapping/GIS Workstation/Freja Park Boundaries**

The CTDEEP published the first map of Bolton Notch Watershed open space. P. Van Dine produced an updated version that includes trails and trail distances. The Freja Park entrance will be added. The Jersey barriers at the entrance to Freja Park could be painted to indicate the park entrance and a sign could be placed along the bike path noting Freja Park. The Freja Park boundaries are not accurate on the map. P. Van Dine and R. Parlee will walk the perimeter to determine the correct boundaries.

### **5.4 Freja/Herrick/BNSP Trail Monitor Report**

A. Bicknell noted that due to snow conditions no monitoring was done. Citizen trail monitors are needed.

### **5.5 Library Exhibit**

A. Bicknell began the setup on March 2, 2019. R. Parlee will contact the Community Voice Channel to try to set up an interview with Alan in front of the exhibit. B. Cataldo submitted additional materials for Alan's review before lamination. Save the Date events were discussed as follows:

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 1:00 p.m.-Vernal Pools Day-Three mile hike to Classic Vernal Pool in Bolton Notch State Park. Meet in Bolton Commuter Lot. No dogs. Heavy rain cancels.

Saturday, April 20, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-Earth Day/Freja 50<sup>th</sup>/Fairy House Building Contest. Meet in Bolton Commuter Lot. No dogs. Heavy rain cancels. Prizes awarded to the best Fairy Houses.

Wednesday, May 15, 2019- Photo contest deadline. Submit now to [BoltonPhoto@aol.com](mailto:BoltonPhoto@aol.com)

Monday, May 27, 2019 11:00-2:00-Family Day at Bolton Center School. Very cool prizes awarded at BCC tabletop exhibit.

Saturday, June 1, 2019, 9:00 a.m.-Trails Day Hike. Hike 1.5 miles on the Nathan Hale Greenway from Munson's. Heavy rain cancels. No dogs. Sturdy footwear recommended.

Saturday, October 19, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-Two mile peak foliage hike. Meet at Herrick Park.

Saturday, November 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m. Riffle Bio Assessment. Meet at 16 Brookfield Road

A. Bicknell moved to approve the dates on the Save the Date card. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  
Work will continue on the exhibit March 5th and 6th.

### **5.6 Photo Contest Outreach**

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for photo submissions. Poster advertisements are at England's Hardware and the Library. A. Bicknell suggested putting a poster at the Post Office. The Save the Date cards that will be in the library exhibit contain the photo contest information.

## **6.0 New Business**

### **6.1 Seedling Sale Order for Photo Contest Prizes**

A plant order will be placed at the next meeting to meet the April 17, 2019 deadline.

### **6.2 Vernal Pool Hike to BNSP on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

Heavy rain, ice or snow cancels. Weather conditions will determine route. Sturdy footwear is recommended. Hike is of moderate difficulty.

### **6.3 New Date-Earth Day/Freja 50<sup>th</sup>/Fairy House Building Contest-Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

Meet at the Bolton Commuter Lot. Heavy rain cancels. No dogs. Prizes are needed for the Fairy House contest.

### **6.4 Trails Day Hike on Nathan Hale Greenway from Munson's Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

Heavy rain cancels. No dogs. Time will be changed to 9:00 a.m. Jim Florence from Munson's has okayed parking in the upper parking lot.

### **6.5 BCC Citizen Science (Volunteer Monitoring) Initiative**

P. Van Dine and R. Parlee will be attending the annual conference in April at Three Rivers Community College. The BCC is considering the use of opacity meters and chloroform counts may be done.

### **6.6 FBL and BLWCA Report (next mtg 3/13) – UCONN AWC GPR & Sediment Coring Project**

More testing was done but the results were consistent with previous results. Results will be presented at the Bolton Lakes forum in October. Peter may apply for a grant for watershed management

**The Commission agreed to add the following to the agenda:**

### **6.7 Box Mountain Logging**

The logging operation seemed uncertain of boundaries. R. Parlee to contact Barbara Kelly to investigate.

## **7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice**

B. Cataldo moved to accept the clerk's invoice as submitted. A. Bicknell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **8.0 Adjournment**

A. Bicknell moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 1, 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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