

**BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, July 1, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**TOWN HALL**

Members Present: Chairman Rodney Parlee, Alan Bicknell, Brenda Cataldo, Jean Laughman and Peter Van Dine

**1.0 Preliminaries**

**1.1 Call Meeting to Order**

R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1.2 Minutes Approval of June 10, 2019 Special Meeting**

A. Bicknell moved to accept the minutes as presented. J. Laughman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**2.0 Public Comment:** None

**3.0 Correspondence**

**3.1 Response from CT DEEP Forestry Director Christopher Martin**

Mr. Martin spoke to the Forest Practitioner and he was at the logging site on Box Mountain reviewing the timber cut in April and May to review the BMP (best management practices). His response did not specifically address the concerns noted in R. Parlee's letter.

R. Parlee will forward his original letter to Eric Bobowick.

P. Van Dine felt that the BCC should reply to Mr. Martin's letter and mention one or two specific items that the BCC would like to follow up on such as at the time of inspection there were locations with sheet flow causing rill development and NRCS required the practitioner to add stabilization measures. The Commission was in agreement. R. Parlee will draft a response for the Commission to review prior to sending. The Manchester Land Trust and the CFPA will be copied.

**Other Correspondence:**

Friends of Valley Falls newsletter Spring 2019 Edition

Letter from Nisha Swinton of Food & Water Watch regarding support of a statewide ban on fracking waste.

Letter from Jan Carlow thanking the BCC for their participation in the Bolton Family Day event

A. Bicknell moved to expend \$25.00 from the Conservation Activity Fund to join the Bolton Land Trust. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Laughman moved to expend \$25.00 from the Conservation Activity Fund to join the Connecticut Land Conservation Council. A. Bicknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

P. Van Dine moved to expend \$60.00 from the Professional Business and Training account representing half of the yearly dues to belong to CACIWC. This will include a request that a single check be issued to include the Inland Wetlands Commission portion of the dues. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Winter/Spring 2019 Habitat newsletter from CACIWC

ARC News Summer 2019

Connecticut Forest Action Plan 2020 Update

#### **4.0 Financial Report**

P. Van Dine presented the Financial Report as of the end of FY2019. A. Bicknell moved to accept the report as presented. J. Laughman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **4.1 ARC View GIS Online**

R. Parlee is awaiting a response from Josh Gaston to see if Bolton has access to this software.

##### **4.2 Hoboware Software**

Functions of the software include launching the shuttle, setting the timing, reading the data, setting up Excel spreadsheets with data points. This software is necessary to use the shuttles to their fullest potential. The hobos are changed and re-launched every fall.

P. Van Dine will research with Hoboware to see if his current license will allow use on a laptop.

##### **4.3 BLT & CACIWC Membership**

Discussed under 3.0 correspondence.

#### **5.0 Unfinished Business**

##### **5.1 Finalize 2020 Calendar Photos and Dates**

R. Parlee distributed the sample pictures that he selected for the 2020 calendar. The final selection will depend on the clarity of the resolution and input from the other commission members.

R. Parlee also noted that there were pictures taken on Trail's Day that would be appropriate for the calendar.

Pictures and dates will be finalized in August.

## **5.2 Brochure Update**

R. Parlee distributed the Freja Park brochure. The next brochure to be produced will be for the Vernal Pools. The Herrick Park brochure will follow after trail rehabilitation and re-blazing is done at the park.

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

A. Bicknell and P. Van Dine hiked Freja Park and found it to be in good shape.

A. Bicknell hiked Herrick Park and found the trails and blazes to be lacking.

BNSP was not monitored in June. A. Bicknell will be fixing the kiosk roof at the Freja Park entrance.

A. Bicknell read a draft of a letter to be sent to S. Pierog regarding proposed improvements to the entrance of Freja Park. P. Van Dine suggested researching the legal ramifications of making improvements in that area. Another draft will be done for BCC review.

R. Parlee recommended an app called GPS Tracks.

## **5.4 BCC Volunteer Monitoring Initiative-Set STeM Data Collection Date**

The tentative collection date is July 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

## **6.0 New Business**

### **6.1 The Classification of Land as Forest Land (PA 490)**

R. Parlee spoke with Tom Worthley from the UConn Extension Office Forestry Program. Tax reductions are available for Forest Land (PA490). Forest Land is defined as a parcel of over 25 acres that is not developed.

R. Parlee plans to obtain a list of 490 Forest Land owners from the Town Assessor.

### **6.2 Bolton Lake Informational Meeting, FBL and BLWCA Report**

P. Van Dine stated that the Channel catfish and the tri-town partnership were discussed at the Bolton Lake Informational Meeting. Channel catfish have been reported in Middle Bolton Lake.

Eric Thomas, the Watershed Coordinator of the DEEP spoke at the BLWCA meeting. P. Van Dine is working on a 319 grant to fund a watershed study of all three lakes (Lower, Middle and Upper Bolton Lakes).

The next BLWCA meeting will be in August.

### **6.3 RBV Macroinvertebrate ID for Coordinators on 7/23**

R. Parlee and P. Van Dine will be attending this training.

#### **6.4 BNSP Vernal Pool**

R. Parlee and Ed Pawlak waded into the vernal pool at BNSP and removed salamander larvae and noticed dead frog larvae that could be Northern Spring Peepers or Tree Frogs. Mr. Pawlak removed some of the salamander larva to watch their growth.

#### **6.5 Election of Officers**

A. Bicknell moved to nominate and elect P. Van Dine as Vice Chairman and Treasurer.  
B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.  
P. Van Dine moved to nominate and elect R. Parlee as Chairman. A. Bicknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Bicknell moved to accept the clerks invoice as presented. J. Laughman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **8.0 Adjournment**

B. Cataldo moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. J. Laughman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Brand

*Leslie J. Brand*

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