BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Monday, September 9, 2019 7:00 p.m. TOWN HALL

Members Present: Vice Chairman Peter Van Dine, Alan Bicknell and Brenda Cataldo

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

P. Van Dine called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

1.2 Minutes Approval of August 5, 2019 Regular Meeting

B. Cataldo made a motion to accept the minutes as written. A. Bicknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Comment: None

3.0 Correspondence:

Arc User magazine-Summer 2019

Thank you letter from the CT Land Conservation Council for joining in 2019

4.0 Financial Report

P. Van Dine presented the financial report. The lens kit and the new binder have been purchased.

4.1 Winter Faire Registration

https://boltonrec.recdesk.com/RecDeskPortal/Portals/47/2019WinterFaire.pdf

A. Bicknell made a motion to approve an appropriation of \$20.00 from the Activity Fund for the Winter Faire registration. B. Cataldo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Cell Phone Macro Lens Band for RBV

The lens kit has been received.

4.3 Replace Vandalized Notebook at Freja Kiosk

The Town ordered a binder from Staples. It will be in the next shipment.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Finalize 2020 Calendar Photos and Dates

Calendar Events:

Saturday, December 7, 2019 Bolton Winter Faire 2019 at BCS from 9-3

Saturday, January 11, 2020 Winter Trails Day

Saturday, March 23, 2020 Vernal Pools Day

Saturday, April 25, 2020 Earth Day 50th anniversary and 5th annual Fairy House Building Contest

Saturday, May 25, 2020 Bolton Family Day, Memorial Day (Bigger & Better Recycle Challenge)

Saturday, June 6, 2020 National Trails Day

Saturday, October 24, 2020 BCC Peak Foliage Hike

Saturday, November 1, 2020 18th Annual BCC Riffle Bio Assessment

Saturday, December 5, 2020 Bolton Winter Faire

300th anniversary event dates are pending.

Full Moon Dates:

January 10, 2020 2:23 p.m. Full Wolf Moon

February 9, 2020 2:34 a.m. Full Snow Moon

March 9, 2020 1:48 p.m. Full Worm Moon

April 7, 2020 10:35 p.m. Full Pink Moon

May 7, 2020 6:45 a.m. Full Flower Moon

June 5, 2020 3:12 p.m. Full Strawberry Moon

July 5, 2020 12:44 a.m. Full Buck Moon

August 3, 2020 11:59 a.m. Full Sturgeon Moon

September 2, 2020 1:23 a.m. Full Green Corn Moon

October 1, 2020 5:06 p.m. Full Harvest Moon

October 31, 2020 10:51 a.m. Blue Moon

November 30, 2020 4:32 a.m. Full Beaver Moon

December 29, 2020 10:30 p.m. Full Cold Moon

5.2 Approve 2020 BCC Events

B. Cataldo moved to approve the dates and events as listed in 5.1. A. Bicknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Freja/Herrick/BNSP Trail Monitor Report

A. Bicknell noted that Freja Park was in good shape. Rocks have been placed at the entrance to block vehicular traffic.

R. Parlee contacted Dave Buckley to inspect the well at BNSP. The new State archaeologist will also be contacted regarding the well.

Herrick Park was not inspected this month. The trails will be re-blazed in October.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Choose Member and Alternate to Sustainable CT (Bolton) Committee

Tabled until the October meeting.

6.2 BCC Peak Foliage Hike on October 19th at Herrick Park

The trails will be re-blazed prior to the hike.

6.3 RBV Outreach for November 3rd

B. Cataldo will host. P. Van Dine will contact Rich Jewell to participate.

6.4 BCC Volunteer Monitoring Initiative-Set V-STeM Data Collection Date

The collection date is pending receipt of the new monitors.

6.5 FBL and BLWCA Report

P. Van Dine noted that there is a slide presentation and Connor Mitchels's thesis about the Atlantic White Cedars on the FBL website.

https://www.friendsofboltonlakes.org/important-events.html

The 6 temp and light monitors are recording constant temperatures from surface to 4-5 meters depth. The date for the FBL fall forum is pending. The speaker will be Pat Monahan.

BLWCA met last week to discuss the number one goal of getting a lakes management plan. The lakes management plan should be included in each town's PoCD plan. P. Van Dine reminded the Commission that it is in the Bolton PoCD plan for the Commission to report back to the BoS with a recommendation on the management of the three Bolton Lakes.

A great number of fingerling perch were killed in Coventry Lake during the unseasonable spring warm spell. The expert opinion is that this die off was caused by the high water temperature and not the herbicide treatment. This event is consistent with the die off of salamanders in one of Bolton's vernal pools.

7.0 Approval of Clerk's Invoice

A. Bicknell moved to approve the clerk's invoice as presented. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8.0 Adjournment

A. Bicknell moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 7, 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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