

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Cataldo Residence, 16 Brookfield Road

Members Present: Chairman Rod Parlee, Brenda Cataldo and Jean Laughman

Members Excused: Peter Van Dine, Alan Bicknell and Matt Rivers

**1.0 Preliminaries**

**1.1 Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**1.2 Minutes Review of May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting and May 13, 2021 Special Meeting**

J. Laughman made a motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2021, as presented. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

In the May 13, 2021 minutes-Under 5.2 d. Correct to Oxydendrumarboreum to Oxydendrum arboreum.

B. Cataldo made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. J. Laughman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**2.0 Public Comment:** None

**2.1 Correspondence**

Postcard from the Bolton Land Trust –“Strawberries at Sunset” Sunday, June 20, 2021 6:00 p.m.at Pesce Farm 66 Hebron Road. For Bolton Land Trust members only. Rain Date is Monday June 21, 2021.

**3.0 Financial Report**

**3.1 Hobos Delivery**

The hobos are backordered. They won't be received until mid June.

\$10.00 from calendar sales at the library has been received.

B. Cataldo has been reimbursed for the purchase of fairy house prizes.

**4.0 Continuing Business**

**4.1 Results of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Contest Judging and Prize Delivery**

## **2021 Names of Winners and Associated Prizes**

### **Examples of Green Living & Farming**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Joan Teller “Pesce’s Farm stand Hebron Road”  
Flowering Dogwood, “Cherokee Princess” (Cornus fl.) 5-gallon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Steve Kornfield “Holiday times on the Farm”  
Rhododendron (Catawbiense album) 2-gallon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Bill Betterini “What a Heritage”  
Red Chokeberry “Brilliantissima” (Aronia arbutifolia)

### **Beauty of Nature and Open Space**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Jim Adams “Vernal Pool in Winter”  
Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis) 2-gallon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Scott Livingston “The Farm at Sunrise”  
Rhododendron (Catawbiense album) 2-gallon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Chris Gurske “Winter Sunset over Bolton Notch”  
Silky Dogwood (Cornus amomum)

### **People in the Environment**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Shelly Jewell “Brotherly Love”  
Franklinia “Wintonberry” (F. alatamaha) 2-gallon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Laura Kinlock “Fall on the Hop River at Steeles Crossing”  
Rhododendron (Catawbiense album) 2-gallon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Tom Hajbucki “Kissing by the Fire”  
Sweetspire “Henry’s Garnet” (Itea virginica)

### **Wildlife in Bolton**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – John Anderson “Family of Fox”  
Sourwood (Oxydendrum arboreum) 3-gallon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Ann Upton “Watching and Waiting”  
Rhododendron (Catawbiense album) 2-gallon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Sylvia Ounpuu “Spotted Salamander out in the Rain”  
Red Chokeberry “Brilliantissima” (Aronia arbutifolia)

Additionally, winners received two potted evergreen seedlings of Balsam Fir, Douglas Fir or Colorado Blue Spruce and an Earth Day T-Shirt

One final prize delivery will be made this week. The Commission members found the prize deliveries to be quite enjoyable.

J. Laughman suggested having some perennials as prizes for next year.

If there are still composters remaining, they will be given away as part of next year's prizes.

#### **4.2 Groundwater Resource Inventory – Sodium Testing, Notch Pond, etc.**

R. Parlee would like to plan a kayaking or canoeing event in Notch Pond to do sodium tests in several locations.

#### **4.3 Results of Trails Day 2021 on the Nathan Hale Greenway**

R. Parlee reported that the Trails Day hike was a very successful event. Matt "Twig" Largess was a great resource of information. The participants had an enjoyable time. Three love trees were found within ten feet of each other near the vernal pool. The hike included seeing the waterfall in the hemlock grove.

### **5.0 New Business**

#### **5.1 Planning for Library Showcase in July– “Invasive Species: Silent; Creeping and Taking Over!”**

J. Laughman suggested including photographs of developed specimens including Japanese knotweed, bamboo, Multiflora roses and mugwort along with methods of eradication. She also has dried specimens of several invasives that can be displayed. R. Parlee offered to dry additional samples if needed.

Eventually the eradicated mugwort can be replaced with goldenrod.

J. Laughman may have some pamphlets that can be handed out.

Aquatic invasives will be included as well. Purple loosestrife may have started to blossom already this year.

A puller bear will be included in the display.

The link to the CIPWG website can be included.

B. Cataldo made a motion to appropriate up to \$50.00 from the Conservation Activity Fund to print items for the library display. R. Parlee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Bicknell and J. Laughman will discuss other ideas for the showcase.

## **5.2 Freja & BNSP Map QR Code**

Research continues on how to obtain a QR code.

## **5.3 Next Work Party that includes use of Puller Bears**

R. Parlee has the two puller bears stored at his house that he would like to use on Autumn Olive.

J. Laughman would like to use a string trimmer on mugwort.

The next work party will be scheduled for July.

## **5.4 SCT, FBL and BLWCA Reports**

S. Pierog reported to R. Parlee that the SCT will plan to meet in the next fiscal year.

FBL held their forum last month on invasive aquatic species.

The next BLWCA meeting will be Wednesday June 9, 2021. An Invasive Aquatic Plan grant has been approved. Funds received from the grant may or may not be used to pay Michael Carlo to fly his drone to look for invasives.

The BLWCA Bolton Lakes Watershed Plan draft plan is with Hillary Kenyon Garovoy. The next step is to share it with the public. The BLWCA will also be discussing the Hatch Hill Road dam and whether the levels of Upper Bolton Lake will be affected.

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

J. Laughman made a motion to accept the clerk's invoice as presented. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously

## **8.0 Adjournment**

R. Parlee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. J. Laughman seconded. The motion passed unanimously

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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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