

**BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Special Meeting**  
**May 13, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING utilizing ZOOM**

Members Present: Chairman Rod Parlee, Alan Bicknell, Brenda Cataldo, Jean Laughman, Peter Van Dine and Alternate Matt Rivers

**1.0 Preliminaries**

**1.1 Call Meeting to Order-Roll Call**

Chairman R. Parlee called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**2.0 Public Comment:** None

**3.0 Financial Report**

\$10.00 from calendar sales at the library will be sent to the Finance Department soon.

**4.0 Continuing Business**

**4.1 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Contest Judging**

Photos were shared via Email with the Commission members prior to the meeting and on Zoom during the meeting.

B. Cataldo will thank all participants.

The photos in the following categories were reviewed and commented on:

**Examples of Green Living & Farming**

**Beauty of Nature and Open Space**

**People in the Environment**

**Wildlife in Bolton**

Judging sheets will be returned to B. Cataldo by each Commission member. She will tally the winning selections and notify the winners.

**4.2 Prize Delivery Dates**

Commission members will meet at R. Parlee's house on May 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. to coordinate prize distribution.

Prizes are as follows:

**a) Examples of Green Living & Farming**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Flowering Dogwood, “Cherokee Princess” (Cornus fl.) 5-gallon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Rhododendron (Catawbiense album) 2-gallon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Red Chokeberry “Brilliantissima” (Aronia arbutifolia)

**b) Beauty of Nature and Open Space**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis) 2-gallon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Rhododendron (Catawbiense album) 2-gallon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Silky Dogwood (Cornus amomum)

**c) People in the Environment**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Rhododendron (Catawbiense album) 2-gallon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Sweetspire “Henry’s Garnet” (Itea virginica)

**d) Wildlife in Bolton**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Sourwood (Oxydendrum arboreum) 3-gallon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Rhododendron (Catawbiense album) 2-gallon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Red Chokeberry “Brilliantissima” (Aronia arbutifolia)

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

**4.3 Kids to Park Day at Herrick (5/15)**

Kyleen Mike reported to R. Parlee that there is not enough lead time for registration. Kids to Park Day has been cancelled.

## **5.0 New Business**

### **5.1 Library Showcase Update – “Invasive Species: Silent; Creeping and Taking Over!”**

A. Bicknell and J. Laughman reported that the display is now scheduled for July. The focus may be specific to eradication of invasive species.

### **5.2 Nathan Hale Greenway Trailhead and Trails Day (6/5)**

Parking will be at the upper Munson’s parking lot. There will be signage directing the participants.

### **5.3 Next Work Party at Freja Park and Puller Bears**

The next work party is scheduled for June 12, 2021. Rod has both Puller Bears for Autumn Olive removal.

### **5.4 FBL and BLWCA Reports**

The FBL and BLWCA are meeting together tonight for the spring forum. Rod shared the Zoom information for the forum with the Commission members.

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

P. Van Dine made a motion to accept the Clerk’s invoice as submitted. A. Bicknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **7.0 Adjournment**

J. Laughman made a motion to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.. B. Cataldo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021, 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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