

**T own of Bolton**  
**Conservation Commission**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2013

7:00 PM at Bolton Town Hall

**Members present:** Rodney Parlee (Chairman), Brenda Cataldo, Peter Wilkens, and Andrew Perham

**Guest:** Nancy Carini

**1.0 Preliminaries**

**1.1 Call Meeting to Order-**The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**1.2 Approval of Agenda for the Regular Meeting on April 1, 2013.** A motion was made by Mr. Wilkens, seconded by Mr. Perham to approve the agenda with added topic "3.4 EMS Club Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>". The motion passed unanimously.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2013.** A motion was made by Mr. Perham, seconded by Mr. Wilkens to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

**2.0 Public Comment - None**

**3.0 Outreach**

**3.1 Freja Park Workparty on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am-**EMS and the Sierra Club are sponsoring this work party. About 5 or 6 people will be there to assist with the Freja Park workparty. The focus will be on cleaning and installing water bars. Tools needed for this day are: rakes, pick ax, and shovel. Also important are gloves and water. After the workparty, around 11 am, BCC Commission members are invited to Nancy Carini's house to see her water garden. Kent Zelesky has also offered to assist with cleaning Freja Park on 4/7/13. He will be focusing on cleaning up litter and raking around the picnic area.

**3.2 Earth Day Celebration on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in Freja Park.** The theme will be supporting watersheds, aquifers and ponds in their natural states. Where does your drinking water come from and where does it go? There will also be an entry level Fairy House building workshop and judging at the benches area. Mr. Parlee will get in touch with Jim Fitting from CT DEEP, to see if he would be willing to speak. Mr. Wilkens may either make or borrow a watershed model. The Commission will also distribute new Freja brochure, sell Rain barrels and promote Photo contest and Trails day.

**3.3 Heritage Farm Earth Day Event on April 27th-** The Heritage Farm committee would like the BCC to assist with refreshments at Town Hall. There will be a presentation by Jane Seymour and a possible walk on Heritage Farm. BCC can set up at table at Town Hall around 1:30pm, and advertise for Photo contest, Trails day and sell Rain barrels.

**3.4 EMS Club Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th-** EMS invited BCC to set up a table and sell Rain barrels. Mr. Parlee may represent the BCC on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and it is still open for someone to go on May 4<sup>th</sup>. EMS has offered 25% off a GPS unit. The 25% will be used on a Garmin Etrex 20 GPS Unit that costs \$239.99 and the final cost with the reduction will be \$179.99.

**3.5 Photo Contest Deadline Extension and Prizes Report-** There have been no submissions as of yet to the photo contest. . A motion was made by Mr. Wilkens, seconded by Mr. Perham to approve the photo contest prizes. Motion passed unanimously. . A motion was made by Mr. Wilkens, seconded by Ms Cataldo to extend the photo

contest deadline to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Wilkens, seconded by Mr. Perham to reappropriate \$149.99 (Previously \$120.00 was approved), to purchase T-shirts, magnets, and tumblers with the recycling symbol on them for Photo Contest Prizes/Earth Day Celebration. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Parlee will advertise more by emailing people about the photo contest. Twenty Bare Root Seedlings were donated by the North Central Conservation District.

**3.6 Bolton Family Day & Planning Meetings on 4/9 and 5/14**-Ms Cataldo is attending the 4/9 meeting and will ask to see if they can sell the individually potted Bare Root Seedlings on Bolton Family Day.

**3.7 Trails Day, June 1st**-Matt Largess will be given an American Hornbean on Trail's Day. There will be 2 hikes that day at 9am & 1pm. There will be a filming crew with Matt Largess filming "Travels with Twig". On June 1<sup>st</sup> it is the 100 Year Anniversary of State Parks.

**3.8 Ten Year Rapid Bio Celebration in November**-Gary Robbins from UCONN will bring some students to help with the next Rapid Bio Assessment in November. They will be adding Risley Reservoir Stream and the outflow from Bolton Lake. Mr. Parlee would like to have one of the UCONN students film the Rapid Bio Assessment. Mr. Wilkens will look into getting a video camera.

#### **4.0 Correspondence**

-Letter from Ray Hardy, he is requesting a letter of support for deer crossing signs. A motion was made by Mr. Wilkens, seconded by Ms. Cataldo in support of a letter for Mr. Hardy supporting the placement of 2 deer signs for Bolton Center Rd and an additional sign to replace the one missing on Cider Mill Rd. Motion passed unanimously.

-Heritage Farm ERT pg 56 states that there is appropriate land at Heritage Farm for Bobolinks to nest there. The Commission is still concerned about mowing and it would be great if they could postpone the first mowing until after August 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Parlee will show the article to the Heritage Farm committee members on April 27<sup>th</sup>. There is concern about using Round Up as well.

-BCC Annual Report (Long version with photos)

-Friends of Rose Farm Work parties

#### **5.0 Unfinished Business**

**5.1 Results of Freja Park Planning Walk**-Mr. Parlee will talk with Mr. Joe Diminico, who may own property abutting Freja Park to request he post private property signs behind Commuter lot so that proper access can be achieved.

**5.2 Vibrant Communities Meeting Report**- There is a study you can see online.

[http://www.bolton.govoffice.com/vertical/sites/%7B30EEBA3C-BE1C-42AE-911F-0E304A672785%7D/uploads/Public\\_Presentation\\_April\\_3.pdf](http://www.bolton.govoffice.com/vertical/sites/%7B30EEBA3C-BE1C-42AE-911F-0E304A672785%7D/uploads/Public_Presentation_April_3.pdf) Next meeting is a public hearing on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**5.3 Charter Oak Greenway Gap Closure**-There was information session about the bridge. Some people want the bridge to be relocated and some do not want it at all. On May 1<sup>st</sup> there will be the last information session at Town Hall with the DOT, on where the bridge will be relocated.

#### **6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Legislation**-Bill 814 may make it more difficult to be an intervener. Bill HB 5725 is the State Wide Phosphorous Reduction Plan.

**6.2 Arsenic in Private Drinking Water Wells**-There has been more occurrences found in water recently in CT.

**6.3 Approve Freja Park Brochure**-The brochure was handed out and changes were discussed. Ms Cataldo researched printing costs and found Pip Printing would print it up for 100 Brochures for \$146 and 250 for \$283. A motion was made by Ms. Cataldo, seconded by Mr. Perham to appropriate \$146, from the Office Account, to print

100 brochures for Freja Park. Motion passed unanimously. Ms.Cataldo will fix some pictures and grammatical errors.

**6.4 GPS Unit-** A motion was made by Mr. Perham, seconded by Mr. Wilkens to appropriate \$177.99, from the Office Account, to purchase a Garmin eTrex 20 TOPO Bundle GPS Unit From EMS. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report & FY 13-14 Budget-** No word on the budget as of yet.

**7.0 Reports-** Ms Carini spoke about getting a topographic map. Mr. Parlee will assist in getting a copy of one. On April 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a lecture on “Cougars Return to New England” at the Cheshire Grange for \$15 per ticket. Dinner is at 6pm and the lecture is at 7pm.

**8.0 Approval of Clerk’s Invoice-** A motion was made by Mr. Wilkens, seconded by Ms. Cataldo to approve the Clerk’s invoice as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**9.0 Adjournment-** A motion was made by Mr. Wilkens, seconded by Ms. Cataldo to adjourn at 9:16pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Huber  
Board Clerk

Please see minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections to them.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 6, 2013 at the Bolton High School BOE Conference Room.

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