

Town of Bolton

Conservation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 5, 2013
7:00 PM at Bolton Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Rod Parlee, Brenda Cataldo, Ron Rousseau
Guests: Shelly Jewell, Richard Jewell

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call Meeting to Order- The Chairman, Rod Parlee called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion by R Rousseau to approve the agenda / second by B Cataldo: MUP

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Motion by B Cataldo to approve minutes 7/1/13 / second by R Rousseau: MUP

2.0 Public Comment: Both Shelly and Richard Jewell spoke about condition of Bolton Lake after the treatment by the town. Also discussed was a volunteer effort to photograph evidence of native and invasive aquatic plant species. Plans to install a 70 square foot Rain Garden at Indian Notch State Park were discussed. There was also a discussion on the Rapid Bio Assessment along with a mention of a Friends of Bolton Lake end of summer celebration and BBQ on a date in September to be determined.

3.0 Correspondence

Motion by B Cataldo to approve CACIWC 2013/2014 and appropriate \$55 (joint membership with IWC) for annual dues from professional and business acct / second by R Rousseau: MUP

- CACIWC.org - There was discussion of the CACIWC annual survey questionnaire.
- A status update from Bolton Lake Commissioner Kim Welch regarding the condition of the lake with no sign of green algae reported. The water is somewhat turbid.
- There will be a late August public information meeting at town hall.
- The inland wetlands commission has required the owner of the former lake house property to install woodchips to alleviate runoff entering the lake due to tree cutting activity.
- The Friends of Bolton Lake will be preparing a “Do’s and Don’ts” to aid lake residents and visitors in how to minimize human impact and coexist with the lake
- A brief update regarding the Open Space Committee’s effort regarding local farm preservation efforts was provided by the Chairman.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Wetlands Education and Possible Partnership with the IWC- A discussion regarding wetlands education as it pertains to the Conservation Commission and the Inland Wetlands commissions and how the CC can aid the IWC.

4.2 Bolton Lakes & ERT - The eagerly anticipated ERT report is still being compiled by the State and no firm date has been provided for its completion.

5.0 Unfinished business

5.1 MLCT Property Linkage with Freja Park- Clair Caine from CT Forest and Parks Association outlined the requirements for the establishment of a new trail link from Manchester Land Trust property to Freja Park.

- ✓ It must be for pedestrian travel only
- ✓ It must be locally maintained
- ✓ It must enhance the state trails system
- ✓ It must have no management issues
- ✓ It must be reviewed and adopted by the committee

5.2 Small Lot Chicken Regulations- Status update on the small lot chicken regulation was provided with no change since last month.

6.0 Outreach

6.1 Approve Draft 2014 14-Month Calendar - Calendar draft discussed and determined to remove the November and December 2013 pages. Advertising Sales and layout were also discussed. At the request of the Chair, Commission has decided to request through Joyce Stille, a letter from First Selectman Bob Morra along with a picture of Bolton Town Hall to recognize the building's 100 year anniversary. This will be used to headline the calendar.

A motion by R Rousseau to appropriate up to \$1200 for 150 calendars from Conservation Activity Fund / second by B Cataldo : MUP

6.2 Calendar Advertising, Production and Sales- Calendars will be on sale at the Bolton Public Library, Bolton Self Storage, Pet Store Next Door and the Bolton Town Hall. They will also be available from the Commission members. The price of the calendar was discussed with \$10 and \$5 suggested. Discussion tabled until cost of printing is determined.

6.3 Rapid Bio Refresher on August 24th by CT DEEP- Rapid Bio Refresher course will be taught by Meghan Ruta on Saturday August 24th at 10 AM at Bolton Town Hall. Current RBA sites will be investigated along with exploring the possibility of new sites.

6.4 Ten Year Rapid Bio Retraining on August 24th and Celebration on November 10- The Chairman reminded Commission members of a RBV refresher on August 24 offered by Meg Rhuta of the CT DEEP. The sites that are chosen in August will be the sites used in November.

6.5 Heritage Farm Events - There will be a star gazing party at the Heritage Farm on September 21st, along with other activities to be announced for the annual Heritage Farm celebration

6.6 Sale of Rain Barrels - Rain barrel warranty can be determined by clock on bottom of barrel. 5 years from date printed. Compost bins are 10 years from date printed.

6.7 Winter Faire on December 7, 2013- Motion by B Cataldo to appropriate \$10 from Professional & Business Acct for display table at the Winter Fair / second by R Rousseau : MUP

7.0 Financial report – None

8.0 Other - Freja Park benches broken and thrown into the pond. Chairman will contact town maintenance and advise. Discussion of ink and paper for printing Freja Park maps. Further discussion on CACIWC survey questions, which Chair will complete by September 15th.

9.0 Approval of Clerks Invoice N/A

10.0 Adjournment

Motion by R Rousseau to adjourn at 8:35 / Seconded by B Cataldo : MUP

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Parlee, Chairman

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 9, 2013 at the Notch Road Municipal Center.

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