

Minutes Bradford Conservation Commission 2/4/15

Members present: Nancy Jones, Tom Gray, Billy Brigtsen, Ed Wendell, Sandy Price, Barbara Kulzyck

Absent: Monique Priestley

Guests: Gary Tillotson, Bethanne Tillotson

Minutes of 1/21/15 were approved as written

Finances Nancy presented the following bills to be paid:

Payable to:	Amount:	For:	From:	Status:
AVCC	\$50.00	Annual Membership	Budget (Assoc. Dues)	Approved
Oxbow High School	\$75.00	¼ page Yearbook Ad “	Budget (Publications)	Approved
Anne Macksoud	\$47.00	Mileage Reimbursement	Movie Acct (CVPS Grant)	Approved
Nancy Jones	\$11.00	Photo Copies during deed research	Cons. Fund Acct WRSB	Approved

Stewardship

Update on ads for map/brochure - Invoices have been sent to all except, Bright Sun Kitchen Catering, Silver Fern Garden Design & Perrys. Those will be sent tomorrow. Payments have been received from JM Landscaping, Colatina Exit, North of the Falls. Hills 5 & 10 and Farmway. It was decided unanimously to not charge for ME Priestley Digital and Graphic Design ad. Since all businesses who were asked, have agreed to renew their ads, Nancy will ask Monique to begin work on up-dating the Map/Brochure.

Change of Plan for OHS Community Service Day – OHS has decided to do only a ½ day; Busses will leave Oxbow at 11 and arrive at about 11:20 and will head back to school at 2:00 – (about 350 students, 60 staff for about 2 hours); Nancy, Tom and Cindy Hall will work on setting up groups for specific areas in the forest.

Update on Ideas from Annual Retreat

Prioritize Ideas – Members were asked to rank ideas in the categories of Importance, as well as Feasibility. This was done with great difficulty, because most said they ALL are important.

I	F	IDEA From Retreat
		Solar Array on Town Land
		Advocate for Approved Municipal Plan
		2016 Calendar with support from Advertisers
		Increase amt of land conserved on WM, incl small parcels
		Recruit more members (BCC and Committees)
		Collaborate with Parks & Rec Commission on projects

		Recreation Path Along Conn. River
		Revitalize E-Newsletter, at least Quarterly

Nancy will attempt to tabulate the results of the ranking

Education

March 4 Movie “Origins”

March 11, Ben Kilham – 7 – 8:30 pm, BA Auditorium, by donation; Decided to give out ticket stubs and have a drawing for a door prize of Ben’s newest book; Library will pay for one book, and BCC will pay for the other.

Bat House Construction – Gary has plans for building a bat house that seem to be easier than the plans that Riley found. Gary may also know of an inexpensive source for wood, and he has agreed to help with this project. Bethanne suggested that it be done in their garage, and she will provide refreshments for everyone. Update at next meeting.

Offer from John Fogarty for winter tree ID walk on Sean’s Trail – He offered to do this by donation into the Sean Tillotson Memorial Fund, which is a scholarship fund. Since the parking area at Tillotson’s Trek is not plowed, this will not be possible at this time. Nancy will contact John and suggest that he could either do the walk from the WM trailhead, or postpone until spring when there will be access to Sean’s Trail.

Other

Ash Tree Survey – Tabled until next meeting

Parcels abutting WM/DD Town Forest – Mr. Lyons called and said that he, his niece, his nephew and one other parcel owner want to donate their parcels to the Town. Nancy met with staff of UVLT to discuss Right of Way issues and “road maintenance” issues, and was told to do deed research to find references to this. Nancy did research back to 3 previous owners and found nothing concrete. Mr. Lyons said that he had a verbal agreement with Ernie Appleton to gain access to his land from what is now the WM Trail. V. Wendell said that he had his attorney Rick Cawley research this, and he found no right of way language across his land to these parcels. Nancy asked UVLT staff if the “Road Issue” would be a moot point if the land was conserved, and the response was “yes”. Sandy suggested getting a VT Law School student to conduct deed research.

Saturday, Feb 7th, noon, Snowshoe hike on WM, organized by Bonna Wieler

Tuesday, Feb 17th, 6:30 pm, Swap It Mixer, Richardson Building top floor

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Jones, Acting Secretary

