

Burrillville Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order by: Ron Lapierre at 7:04pm.

Members Present: Ron Lapierre, Michael Longenbaker, Samantha Young, Roberta Lacey, Monique DeRoche

Not in attendance- Jose Pedro, excused. Adam Shatz new member

Guests- Residents of Wallum Lake

Accept May Minutes -Roberta Lacey made a motion to accept, seconded by Michael Longbaker, unanimously accepted.

Wallum Lake-

-585.50 lake level, stayed at this level even with rain the past week.

- Water levels are source of division. Not all residents are happy with current levels. Concern that the lake will lower as the summer progresses. Others concerned with the wetlands and other natural resources.
- Plan to send correspondence and questionnaire to residents impacted by lake levels.

Town Conservation Plan- Samantha Young and Roberta Lacey will join the Town Conservation Planning sub-committee.

DPW- ask to beware of using brush hogs on the side of roads during sensitive times of year for turtles and other species.

Nipmunk Trail- Should become a Natural Heritage survey. Scott will be going to the site before he leaves his position with DEM. Trails looked to be in good shape. White trail bridge needs to be repaired.

Eagle Peak/Town Recreation Lodge plans- Agreed we should be involved in the planning and development of these properties as there contain wetlands on the property.

Water Protection- DEM site Hazard dams in RI, there are 5 in Burrillville. Dams in danger of causing damage if they fail. Michael Longbaker volunteered to take water resources course on managing lakes and dams. Blackstone River Watershed Council would be the Burrillville designated council.

Water management booklets on protecting lakes from the RI Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources. Discussed doing direct mailings about water protection of all lake residents.

URI water testing- Have not received invoice for this year.

Quarterly Conservation Programs- Guided hike July 15th at Nipnuk Trail. Bargain Buyer ad will be in week before.

Mushroom walk- Michael Longbaker - Plan to pick weeknight to do walk, 5:30pm.

Lapham Farm- White trail (border trail) is blazed on 6/10. Kiosks are started by Scout troops may be done in August.

Branch River Park- Kiosk needs to be updated, cleaned up.

Duck Pond - Needs a Kiosk

Signage for canoe launches- Ron looking at a vendor for signs for canoe launches. Michael made a motion to spend no more than \$150 for signage for canoe launches. Samantha Young seconded. Agreed unanimously.

Family Fair- Saturday June 24. Need to set up at 8AM, we will meet at hall to pick up tables.


Earth Day- BCC picked up 7 bags of trash.

Planning Board- Lapham Farm Rd, not approved, new list of requirements to include a buffer zone and many other provisions.

Old Business- Martha invoice for guided hikes at Nipnuk -\$200 Michael motioned to pay Martha, Samantha seconded. All agreed.

Budget items- Watershed Program we have not received invoice. Motion to pay for stickers for family fair no more than \$40 by Michael Logenbaker seconded by Monique DeRoche approved unanimously. Motion to spend no more than \$350 dollars to buy lumber to build kiosks for trails. Michael Longebaker made motion, seconded by Samantha Young approved unanimously.

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn meeting by Michael Longbaker and seconded by Samantha Young at 9:20pm. Approved unanimously.

 7/18/23
Ronald P. Lapierre, Chairperson / Date
