

Burrillville Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by: Ron Lapierre at 7:06pm.

Members Present: Ron Lapierre, Samantha Young, Roberta Lacey, Monique DeRoche, Adam Schatz

Excused- Michael Longbaker

Guests- Residents from Wallum Lake

Accept June Minutes - Samantha motioned to accept June minutes, Monique DeRoche seconded. Unanimously accepted.

Wallum Lake- Lake level at 585.50 today, after storm Sunday was checked and opened.

Engineer will be looking at historic levels and reporting on lake levels.

Jose Pedro- resigned from the BCC. Thank you for your many years of work on the BCC.

Wallum Lake residents brought BCC a 2010 study from Town of Burrillville on lakes which contained recommendations for dam maintainance and lake levels. Study will be reviewed by BCC.

It was suggested by residents that the dam be opened before the storms to prevent damage caused by flooding.

Town Conservation Plan-

-New members of the subcommittee Roberta Lacey and Samantha Young.

Water Protection-

-DEM pamphlets were given out at the farmers market to town residents. Plan to attend local lake association meetings and hand out pamphlets specific to the lake. Use in kiosks to educate users of lakes.

-Invoice for the safe water watch program testing of lake water for \$700.00 received. Motion to pay \$700 to safe water watch program made by Roberta Lacey. Seconded by Monique DeRoche. Unanimously accepted.

Quarterly Conservation Programs-

-Nipmunc Nature Hike on Saturday was well attended. Next hike in September. Mushroom hike coming up next on August 3.

Town Properties and Conservation land project status and activity

-updates -

-Nipmunc needs new signs posted. Some hazard trees need to be taken down on red trail. White trail bridge needs to be fixed for safety. New trail map coming soon.

-Motion made to spend no more 150 for a trail map for Nipmunc made by Roberta Lacey, seconded by Samantha Young, all approved,

-Lapham Farm- Problem with motorized vehicles. Need signs to warn against motorized vehicles with town ordinance posted.

-Branch River Park- BCC to build map of area trails. Needs kiosk fixed.

-Church Street- Eagle Peak project- Fields, parking and trails ongoing.

-Duck Pond- Trails need work and signs.

-Canoe Launches- signs in the works, Discussed possible guided canoe runs.

-Union Pond- BCC will review responsibilities which include maintaining the trails.

RT102 Adopt-A-Spot Report. Two Gateway Signs; Burrillville/N. Smithfield and Burrillville/Glocester Town Lines.

- Roberta Lacey planted 4 pollinator plants around gateway.

Town Council, Planning Board, and Zoning Board, agendas and minutes.

-Lapham Farm project many of stipulations, waiting for updates.

-East Wallum Lake Rd- permit for 5 houses- plans may alter wetlands to get driveway into lots. 80% will be kept as open space. Notification to BCC reviewed.


Fiscal 2023 Budget Report: Budget and Expense Reports. Review of outstanding invoices.

-Junior Naturalist stickers \$50.00 for stickers. Motion by Adam Schatz seconded by Samantha Young to spend no more than \$50.00 on stickers for young participants of our hikes. All approved.

-Nipmunc maps - Motion made to spend no more than \$150 for the trail map. Motion by Samantha Young seconded by Monique DeRoche. All Approved.

-Approval of the stipends for commission members. Motion made by Monique DeRoche to approve stipend payments, seconded by Samantha Young to spend no more than \$2,550 for stipends for members. Unanomously approved.

Adjournment-Motion to adjourn made by Samantha Young seconded by Roberta Lacey at 9:47 pm.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald P. Lapierre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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Ronald P. Lapierre, Chairperson / Date