

Burrillville Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairperson Richard Dionne

Members Present: Rich Dionne, Leslie Bowen, Joe Pedro, Cameron Genereux, Mike Scurka, and Michael Lamoureux

Members Absent: Greg Devlin (excused)

Guests: Jacqui Dionne, Alicia Pratt, Joyce Scurka, Anthony Esposito, and Maureen Esposito

A motion was made and vote taken to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting.
(Motion by Mike Lamoureux; Seconded by Joe Pedro - passed unanimously)

Nipmuc Trail: Motion was made and voted on to reimburse Chase Zaricany, for the \$586.29 expenses incurred, over and above the monies he fundraised, for the improvements to the Nipmuc Trail as part of his Eagle Scout project.
(Motion made by Mike Scurka; Seconded by Cameron Genereux - passed unanimously)

Wallum Lake Canoe Launch: Water level is 585.0. The winter water level goal is 584.5. Once reached, Joe will close the overflow.

Gateway: Rich has decorated the signs for the holidays.

Clear River Canoe Launch: No report

Invenergy Clear River Energy: No appeal to the EFSB ruling was submitted to the courts by the deadline, so the case is now closed. Jerry Elmer, of the Conservation Law Foundation, recently gave a final presentation on the case & the ruling. It can be viewed on Up Rise Rhode Island.

Burrillville Planning Board: Discussed and voted to send letter of recommendation to the Town Council regarding the Planning Boards proposed ordinance related to energy storage, and solar installations.
(Motion made by Michael Lamoureux; Seconded by Cameron Genereux - passed unanimously)

Killingly Power Plant: Discussed and voted on request by town residents of Killingly, CT to send a letter of opposition related to the proposed Killingly Power Plant, to the Governor and DEM Director of Connecticut.
(Motion made by Michael Lamoureux; Seconded by Joe Pedro - passed unanimously)

Earth Day 2020: This year will be the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day. Ideas are needed for additional ways for the town to celebrate the occasion.

Blackstone in Bloom: Last year, on short notice, Burrillville was able to take 2nd place in the contest. We are looking to get an early start for this year's June contest, and ideas are welcome. The proposed site for beautification is the triangular area in the Pascoag Main St. and Grove St. area. The commission needs to determine the funds we can contribute to the project.

2020 Meeting Calendar: The meeting dates for the 2020 calendar year will remain the second Tuesday of each month and occur at 7pm, unless otherwise advertised.

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Bi-Annual Stipend: Attendance records for the July-December period were reviewed. Rich will submit the stipend request to the town.

Greeting Card: Commission photo will be taken at 10 AM on Sat, 12/14 at the Gateway sign, weather permitting.

Invoices/Mail: An invoice in the amount of \$151.30 was received from Roots & Shoots for holiday decorations for the town Gateway signs. Expenditure for this invoice was voted on and approved at the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 PM

(Motion made by Joe Pedro; Seconded by Mike Scurka – passed unanimously)