

Burrillville Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order by: Ron Lapierre at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Ron Lapierre, Michael Longenbaker, Roberta Lacey, Samantha Young,, Monique DeRoche, Adam Schatz, Paul Menard

Guests- Wallum Lake residents

Accept September Minutes - Samantha Young motioned to accept, Adam Schatz seconded. Unanimously accepted.

Wallum Lake- Lake level at 585.5 Reported by Paul. Dam area looks clean, no litter. The paths have been cleared of trees, signs are cleared of obstruction.

Lake residents brought discussion on Wallum Lake study of 2020 Suggested better communication between dam operators or have one dam operator for all dams.

Recent well contamination with heavy rains reported for some Wallum Lake residents because of high lake levels.

Town Conservation Plan- Roberta Lacey contacted Norma O'Leiry to talk about Thompson Connecticut Conservation plan for ideas and suggestions for developing Town plan.

Nipmunk Trail- Monique reported kiosks updated with DEM posters and new maps. Cleared the trails of fallen trees. Ron and Michael made a bog bridge near river to make trail passable for hike on Saturday. No hunting signs go up at the end of October.

Quarterly Conservation Programs- Nipmuc hike last week was a successful event.

Tuesday Dec 26 Full Moon Hike at Branch River Park scheduled 6-8pm.

Dr. Clarkson November 28th at Jesse Smith Library- Will discuss: threats to birds, climate change, pesticides. Dr Clarkson is Audobon Director of Aviary research.

Lapham Farm- Samantha reported need to clean up barbed wire and trash on some trails. Samantha developed a letter for residents bordering property explaining plan for trail system. Cleanup scheduled for Sunday at 9.

Branch River Park- Clean up Purple trail over the winter. Some other water bars on steep trails, rails in bridges.

Lodge trails- Nice walking trail. Wide trail and bridges.

Duck Pond- Kiosk underway. Tree's down need to be cleaned up. October 28 at 9am.

Canoe Launch- Ron is working on Town of Burrillville list of canoe launches for visitors and residents. Micheal will draft a letter asking about access to boat launch for canoes behind Assembly Theatre.

Union Pond- Plan to open/clean trails when vegetation dies this winter. Need to put up boundry markers.

Rt 102 Gateway - Ron cleaned up trash, tree limbs, brush.

Old Business- Motion made by Micheal Longenbaker to move meeting to first week of December to allow for holiday travel. Seconded by Samantha Young. Unanimously approved..

Motion made to change meeting time to 6:30pm moving forward by Michael Longenbaker seconded by Adam Schatz. Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Bargain Buyer ad for Nipmuc Hike made by Adam Schatz for 52\$, Seconded by Roberta Lacey. Unanimously approved.

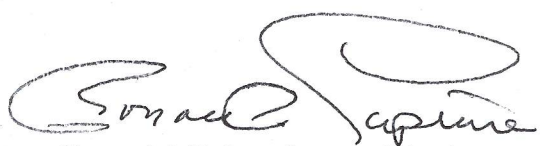
Motion to pay Martha Bowman \$100 dollars for guided hike made by Michael Longenbaker, seconded by Samantha Young. Unanimous agreement.

Town Agenda's- Discussion around recent town planner and zoning board agenda's.

Fiscal Year Budget- Approval for Bargain Buyer ad for 82\$. Motion made by Michael Longbaker to spend no more than \$82 for ad in Bargain Buyer, seconded by Samantha Young. Unanimously approved.

Motion made to approve/ammend spending to make stickers from \$50 which only included artwork to \$132.79 for artwork and making of Junior Naturalist stickers. Motion made by Samantha Young to spend no more than \$132.79 for Junior Naturalist sticker, seconded by Adam Schatz. Unanimously approved.

Adjournment- Motion made to adjourn meeting by Samantha Young at 900pm. Seconded by Roberta Lacey. Unanimously approved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald P. Lapierre".

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Ronald P. Lapierre, Chairperson / Date