

Beacon Falls Conservation Commission
10 Maple Ave.
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2016
(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Chair pro tem Bonnie Chevarella called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

Commissioners present: Chair pro tem Bonnie Chevarella, Secretary pro tem Ashleigh Doherty, Ruth Burritt, Tanya Gutierro

Commissioners absent: Mike Opuszynski, Dave Farley

2. Announcements

B. Chevarella noted the current balance in the open space land acquisition fund was \$2,026.70.

3. Comments from the Public - none

4. Approval of Minutes – April 2016

The April 7, 2016 special meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve the April 7, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented:
Gutierro/Doherty; all aye.

5. Correspondence -

- May-June 2016 Audubon issue
- CT DEEP Spring 2016 newsletter
- Naugatuck Valley Audubon Society newsletter

6. Membership and Officers: one vacancy; elections to be held in September

7. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Land Use (Ruth Burritt) - walked with the Boy Scouts to confirm locations of Eagle Scouts projects in Lantern Ridge. She suggested a double sided sign versus one-sided. She advised them to only cut back trees and brush as necessary.
- B. Recognition and Grants (Ruth Burritt) NTR
- C. Open Space Inventory (Mike Opuszynski) N/A

- D. Natural Resource Inventory (Need Lead) documents posted to website
- E. Website/Facebook (Ruth Burritt & Ashleigh Doherty)
 - discontinued use of beaconfallsconservation.com domain; using page on town website http://www.beaconfalls-ct.org/Pages/BeaconFallsCT_Bcomm/Conservation/Index
 - need rest of bios for commissioners to post
 - A. Doherty and R. Burritt will monitor the Conservation Commission Facebook page.
- F. Outreach Activities
- 1) Beacon Falls RiverFest/Duck Race Lead: T. Gutierro
 Sat. May 14 - will have donation bucket and recycling relay race again
ACTION: R. Burritt will print recycling stickers for bins to giveaway any leftover stickers will go to the library.
 Coverage: B. Chevarella 10:30-1; T. Gutierro at 10:30; A. Doherty at 10:30; R. Burritt at 1:00
ACTION: R. Burritt will make handouts advertising CT Trails Weekend at Lantern Ridge
ACTION: R. Burritt will print recycling flyers to hand out
 - 2) CT Trails Weekend: June 4 & 5 at Lantern Ridge
 The Boy Scout Eagle projects may be completed by Saturday, June 4, rain date June 5 at 1100-2:00
 B. Chevarella suggested inviting Boy Scouts, Keith Bodnar and Mark Crowley, who are doing their Eagle Scout projects at Lantern Ridge
ACTION: R. Burritt will invite Boy Scouts, Keith Bodnar and Mark Crowley to CT Trails Day at Lantern Ridge on Saturday June 4.
ACTION: A. Doherty will get small water bottles to giveaway at CT Trails Day
ACTION: T. Gutierro will ask Dave Farley be at Lantern Ridge on Sat. June 4.
ACTION: B. Chevarella will submit a press release to Citizen's News
 T. Gutierro suggested having a donation bucket out
ACTION: A. Doherty will research purchasing whistles for giveaways
 - 3) June 25: Great American Backyard Campout
 - 4) July 9: Cardboard Boat Regatta – letter to other boards and commissions
 M. Opuszynski emailed that he has cardboard
 R. Burritt commented that she had challenged the other boards at a previous Land Use meeting
ACTION: R. Burritt will draft a letter challenging the other town boards and commissions to the cardboard boat regatta
ACTION: M. Melville will print on Conservation Commission letterhead and distribute to boards and commissions
 - 5) America Recycles Day on November 15

- 6) February 14, 2017 Beacon Falls loves our trails
- 7) Earth Day/Arbor Day April 22, 2017 clean up: M. Opuszynski

8. Payment of Invoices -

A. Clerical invoice –

Motion to accept Clerk Martha Melville's invoice requesting payment of \$42.50 for the May 2, 2016 meeting and associated administrative work and pay the bill as submitted: Gutierro/Doherty; all aye.

B. Approved Fund for Beacon Falls Public Library - invoice completed

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM: Doherty/Burritt; all aye.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Melville
Clerk

CC:
Conservation Commission members
Board of Selectmen
Planning & Zoning
Inland Wetlands
Park & Rec Commissions