



**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
10 MAPLE AVENUE
BEACON FALLS, CT06403**

**MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2017**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ruth Burritt called the meeting to order at **6:30 pm.**

Commissioners Present: Ruth Burritt, Bill Burritt, Sophie Zyla, Mike Opuszynski, Rich Minnick

Commissioners Absent: Tonya Gutierro, Ashleigh Doherty

2. Announcements

Chairman R. Burritt announced that Commissioner Tonya Gutierro is on leave.

3. Comments from the Public

None

4. Approval of Minutes

M. Opuszynski moved to accept the minutes of August 8, 2017. Seconded by S. Zyla. Three in favor, one abstains. Motion passes 4-0.

5. Correspondence

Discussion regarding a request received last month from Judy Treu of Yale/Griffin Research Center through Diane Betkoski for maps of Lantern Ridge Park. R. Minnick believed the Conservation Commission did not possess the info requested by the Yale/Griffin Research Center.

6. Old Business

1. B. Burritt stated he will repair the plexi-glass on the kiosk at Lantern Ridge Park.

7. New Business

1. Discussion regarding the possibility of replacing the various park locations utilizing plexi-glas with a stronger, more resilient material such as Lexan. S. Zyla suggested contacting Heritage Glass for guidance.
2. R. Burritt stated the Conservation Commission will be requesting a meeting with the Board of Selectmen in the near future to discuss pertinent issues involving the Commission.
3. Plans to restock Toby's Pond and D.E.E.P. recommendations were debated. Type of fish, cost, and a time line were briefly discussed.
4. Paid membership in the National Audubon Society was discussed. Cost, advantages, etc. were considered.
5. Discussion, R. Minnick & M. Opuszynski, re: trail activity at Lantern Ridge Park and contacting potential organizations to help with fish studies at Toby's Pond

Election of Officers:

Chairman R. Burritt opened up nominations for the open position of Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

R. Burritt nominated Sophie Zyla as Vice Chairman. M. Opuszynski seconded the nomination.

Three calls were made for additional nominees and none were received.

The Chairman cast one ballot for Sophie Zyla as Vice-Chairman.

8. Petition of Commissioners

R. Burritt made a motion to form an Ad-Hoc Committee to address improvements to Lantern Ridge Park walking trails in the area of the Red Maple Swamp.

9. Payment of Invoices

M. Opuszynski moved to pay the Clerk's invoice of \$94.50 for Oct./Nov. 2017., seconded by R. Minnick. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.

10. Adjournment

The next Conservation Commission regular monthly meeting will be held **Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm** in the Beacon Falls Senior Center, 57 North Main Street.

With no other business **M. Opuszynski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Seconded by S. Zyla. All in Favor, motion passes 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Christensen

Clerk

CC:Conservation Comm.