

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting held on December 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

In attendance were Eric Levy, Roberta Lauria, Marguerite Burris, Lisa Lozier and Randall Paz.

Absent was Leslie Sundell.

Rosemarie Morante attended and let us know that she will be taking on the role of being our new liason to the town council.

This meeting was unique in that the newly formed group known as "The Friends of Paderewski Park" had been invited by Mr. Lee (also in attendance).

The order of the agenda was changed with a motion from Randall Paz, a second from Roberta Lauria, and all attending Conservation Commissioners approving.

A signup sheet was passed to note all attendees. (See attached)

Our Town Manager, Robert Lee took the floor. After the Pad Pond forum @15 people signed up as a volunteer committee, some were in attendance this evening. Copies of the forum minutes and a list of issues were distributed. Since the forum he has met with the town staff and had also been contacted by a local church group about doing a cleanup of the park. It was believed that they had come with @100 volunteers and mostly worked in the park, not the pond area and would be willing to come back at any time. Mr. Lee and town staff have met with Chuck Lee from DEEP who had some ideas. He recommended to find out more about the pond, begin to take readings for dissolved oxygen levels, do chemical analysis, soil samples, test water once a month or more during stress times such as the summer, to do a survey of depth and of the volume of water, measure the muck and go to the bottom,. Some of these items can be done "in house" to help with the cost. The idea of drilling a well to help provide clean fresh water was a concept that had not been brought up before. All this will require at least one year of information gathering using this year's data as a starting point and building from there.

Lisa Lozier gave Mr. Lee a "map" of the pond with a breakdown of where there is still line, lures and bobbers in the trees as of this past Sunday to be given to Dave Emery. A concern about the large numbers of geese was brought up. Lisa Lozier gave a brief history of resident geese. She had researched this and had obtained info from an article published in "Audubon" magazine, a publication put out by the National Audubon Society in the early 1990's. Keeping live flocks for hunting was banned and pinioned, flightless birds were released into parks ,etc. At one point it was believed that the Giant Canada goose subspecies was almost extinct so a captive breeding program was undertaken by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The program was deemed a success, but the new birds did not migrate. With these additional birds the program continued until it was realized that with no parents able to show the young a migration route, they would not migrate. The program was discontinued and all birds were released back into the wild. On Pad pond the number of birds that live there does not exceed 40-50 birds, with the birds knowing how many this area can sustain. Birds will "hop" from area to area resulting in less or more at any given time. She had been a citizen volunteer at one point recording and

submitting to the DEP neck band codes with some of these birds being from NY, VT, Canada. Mr. Lee proposed that the Conservation Commission may make the recommendation to implement egg addling.

There was a suggestion of a bridge in the NE corner where the water table is usually higher, since it is the intention to be able to walk around the pond at any given time. There was concern from multiple residents about the turtles that reside in that corner. Chuck Lee had suggested to leave the NE corner as is in the natural state of growth (brush, trees plants). He had also said that the natural leaves that fall into the pond are ok, but those that have been dumping their excess over the fence near or into the pond will be contacted.

Where to go from here?

1. Get a cleanup plan. Form a subcommittee, make a schedule, note volunteer groups such as the Scouts or the church group mentioned earlier.
2. The town staff will begin to collect data. Residents can begin to map plant and wildlife areas.
3. The Engineering Dept. can look into the idea of the walkway bridge.
4. To have a stocking of fish.
5. Addling program.

This will continue at the next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission to be held on January 13th, 2016.

Resident Jeff Brousseau volunteered to "headup" the cleanup and mapping.

At this time the meeting was turned back over to the Commission with a motion from Eric Levy, a second from Randall Paz and all were in favor.

SECRETARY MINUTES- Eric Levy made the motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. Marguerite Burris seconded and with Randy and Roberta abstaining it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT-With no changes from last month (\$1788.69 in Operating Expenses and \$200 in Professional Development). Lisa Lozier made the motion to approve. Randall Paz seconded and all were in favor.

MAIL AND COMMUNICATION-

The Rivers Alliance sent notice of their meeting held on December 2nd.
Copies of "the Habitat".

OLD BUSINESS-

TRAILS- There was nothing at this time.

WEBSITE- Randy will update the member info. He was also thinking about adding pictures.

RIVER CLEANUP- There is nothing at this time.

EARTH DAY- There is nothing at this time.

FISHING DERBY- There is nothing at this time.

SHED INVENTORY- There is nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS-

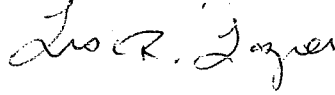
Marge received an e-mail from Leslie that she is still not feeling well. Also that her term expires in January and that she will not be returning. She will be sorely missed.

MISC.- Eric, Roberta and Randy went to the CACIWC meeting and found it to be very informative. Roberta learned about Low Impact Development. Eric would like to have the DEEP representative to come give a talk about Bristol being a proposed fracking water storage site.

APPROPRIATIONS- There were none at this time.

Lisa Lozier made the motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. Eric Levy seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa R. Lozier

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa R. Lozier", written in dark ink.

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