



## BUCKINGHAM POND CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING

June 27, 2022

Virtual Meeting 7:00

Meeting Attendees: Gabi Sarhos, Anne Savage, Nancy Costello, Marsha Penrose, Laura Shaddak, Jeanette Carioto, Ted Kolankowsk, Mark Schlessman, Ceiligh and Felton McLaughlin, Kate Carleo, and guests Al Lawrence and Deb Zamer

Absentees: Jenny O'Neil and Grace Bennett

1. VOTE: The May 23 Board meeting minutes were accepted.
2. Votes on May and June Treasurer's reports will be held at the next Board meeting.
3. CFA Grant:
  - 3.1 The green infrastructure grant program is BPC's best opportunity
  - 3.2 Needs feasibility and BPC's existing plan is appropriate, may need markup
  - 3.3 Total project \$200,000, \$20,000 set aside for required match, **Cost to be determined after identifying the scope. [follow-up grant-related meeting scheduled for a later date](#)**
  - 3.4 The biggest need is letters of support—Capitalize Albany?
  - 3.5 **Need to talk to people in the know about charter**
  - 3.6 Single audit compliant probably not relevant to BPC
  - 3.7 Haven't pinpointed precisely what BPC wants to do, **[see 3.3 above](#)**
    - a. Dredge pond—significant and beneficial (not green infrastructure)
    - b. Pavement (now stone dust) solid porous pavement surface possible
    - c. Planting, shoreline stabilization
    - d. Parking area (definitely green infrastructure)
    - e. Signage (a project that can be visualized)
  - ~~3.8 —Cost to be determined after identifying the scope~~
  - 3.9 Commitment regarding going forward?
  - 3.10 Deb said BPC should file **[with Capitalize Albany, needed by 6/28](#)**—does it lock in anything?
  - 3.11 Possibility of presenting a variety of flexible scenarios?
  - 3.12 Joe Coffey's plan is not entirely green infrastructure—pick parts for application?
  - 3.13 **Felton BPC to find out if City has already done part of the required [SEQRA](#) review?**
  - 3.14 BLNA may collaborate on stormwater management at the parking lot, no plan yet
  - 3.15 Deb ~~could~~ **to** facilitate BPC/BLNA meeting, (their focus is on bike/walker safety); Marsha acted as liaison previously and went to all meetings
  - 3.16 BPC plan not ready, construction details not requested (tree pits advantageous?)

- 3.17 Ted to pull together construction estimates and project draft with Anne's input
- 3.18 Better to apply BIG and let it be scaled down (note that BPC will be able to match)
- 3.19 Deb suggests a talk with Renee McFarlin (Capitalize Albany) facilitator, CFA locally
- 3.20 July 29 grant submission deadline shouldn't be a problem if City authorizes projects
  - a. Native planting
  - b. East end reconfiguration
  - c. Parking lot
  - d. Shoreline stabilization
- 3.21 Dredging is seen as a municipal responsibility (Deb would like a list of such projects)
- 3.22 BPC's objectives involve enhancements and work done with the City as partners
- 3.23 Even if unsuccessful, the project will be familiar when other opportunities arise
- 3.24 CFAs prefer groups with dedicated administrative staff over all volunteers
  - a. BPC to investigate administrative capacity for grant oversight, as Capitalize Albany connects with opportunities but can't help with administration
- 3.25 The project has to be started by 2024 or funding is lost–Ted can look into other grants
- 3.26 Grant Meeting specific time to be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48