



**BUCKINGHAM POND CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**  
**March 27, 2023**

**ZOOM Meeting 7:00**

**Meeting Attendees:** Nancy Costello, Marsha Penrose, Kate Carleo, Felton McLaughlin, Laura Andrea Leguia, Linda Wagner, Mark Schlessman, Jeanette Carioto, Jenny O'Neil, and Neighborhood Specialist Tabora Marcus

**Absentees:** Gabi Sarhos, Anne Savage, Grace Bennett, Ted Kolankowski, Ceiligh McLaughlin

1) Felton took over as host from Gabi and started the meeting by determining that the best date for Spring Cleanup is April 30 this year.

2) **VOTE:** The minutes of the February meeting were accepted.

3) Jenny presented the treasurer's report at the Annual Meeting on Sunday. She stated that the only monthly expense was the mailing and that Grace had reported two memberships and a \$10 donation. **She will forward the monthly report for attachment to the minutes.**

4) **VOTE:** Nancy Costello was voted to retain the position of Board Secretary.

5) Laura reported that the big slide on the playground has been repaired by boarding up the area that had been temporarily closed by plastic netting.

6) **CSLAP:**

- Felton reported on the program at the Annual Meeting.
- The conference is held at the Fort William Henry center in Lake George.
- The conservancy pays for any Board member who wants to attend.
- BPS is an outlier in the group because there is no swimming in the pond.
- All participants share concerns with invasives and best practices are learned.
- This is a day-long event if training is involved, or half a day for seminars only.
- **Felton will send around the agenda but no commitments are required now.**

7) **Grant Follow-up:**

- Ted had reported that we did not get the grant, but it's a possibility in the future.
- **Board members should check out the application for the NYS grant.**
- **Felton has copies and will send them to the new members.**
- Previous shoreline stabilization by DPS with coir logs was described.

- Felton will email Debra Zamer to find out the window for reapplying.
- We also need feedback on what hurt us in the previous application.

#### 8) *Stewardship Program:*

- The cleanup event could be the occasion for advertising and assignments.
- The Board liked an idea for identifying tee shirts and the pond logo could be used.
- Jeanette will check out the estimated cost of providing tee shirts to stewards.
- Felton will ask Jessica if DGS can provide vests to identify the stewards.
- Mark suggested stewards' training followed by independent garlic mustard work.
- Stewardship work signs could be used, perhaps providing a QR code.
- Jenny noted that an instant webpage is not necessary if there is a placeholder.

#### 9) *Cleanup Event:*

- Felton said notice will be posted the weekend before the scheduled clean-up.
- The usual number of signs is 20, with heavy coverage around the parking lot.
- Jeanette suggested using the template that Gabi used last year.
- Felton can print on 11 x 17 paper and lamination would be desirable.
- Mark will investigate the cost of custom signs for mounting the posters.
- Jenny and Mark will check on the various costs involved for ten to start with.
- Once prices are known, the Board can vote by email for the expenditures.
- Kate will give Linda the necessary passwords to work on social media.

#### 10) *Other Matters:*

There are more algae on the pond than in previous years.

Linda would like to coordinate a walk around the pond to evaluate this.

Laura may be able to find out if it is free-floating and Mark will look into it too.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

Next Board meeting will be April 24