



October minutes with clarifications by Grace Bennett.

## BUCKINGHAM POND CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING

October 23, 2023  
ZOOM Meeting 7:00

Meeting Attendees: Nancy Costello, Laura Andrea Leguia, Marsha Penrose, Felton McLaughlin, Jenny O'Neil, Kate Carleo, Grace Bennet, and guest Susan Stein.

Absentees: Gabi Sarhos, Anne Savage, Ted Kolankowski, Mark Schlessman, Jeanette Carioto, Linda Wagner, Al Lawrence

1. **VOTE:** Linda's emailed acceptance was acknowledged, and September's Board meeting minutes were accepted.

2. Jenny presented the recent treasurer's reports listed by month.

- The only expense was \$1600 for the website.
- The income from the ice cream social was \$63.
- A \$500 donation was noted with no restrictions.
- Grace reported that there are no restrictions on the donation.
- Moving some funds from checking to savings was discussed.
- Working cash of \$2,000 was determined to be sufficient.
- Funds can easily be moved back and forth between accounts.
- Accessible funds are needed when grants require matching.

**VOTE:** Moving \$14,000 from checking to savings was authorized.

- The four BPC account signers still have to meet at the bank.
- Felton will email the others involved to set up a time.

**VOTE:** The treasurer's report was accepted.

3. Linda reported by email that there are no grant updates.

4. Park Updates & Events:

a. Little Free Library

- The plexiglass cover of the park's little library has been damaged.

b. Alex Word and Al Lawrence were not available for updates.

c. The Ice Cream Social was a cold day with fewer people attending.

- Individual ice creams were easier to distribute than scooping.

d. Fall Cleanup

- Ted planted fresh tulips at the fall cleanup.

- Laura noted that young Sumac looks like it's been cut down before.
- Grace reported that the City's done some cutting near the guardrail.

e. CSLAP

- The last CSLAP water sampling has been done.
- Felton said commitments should be made now and sent applications.
- Felton and Grace are committed, Laura needs to be replaced, Gabi has not responded.
- Felton said this endeavor is core to BPC's mission and builds on work with the City.
- **VOTE:** \$370 is allotted for CSLAP testing and \$250 for NYSFOLA dues membership.
- Linda's email said there's been no interpretive signage drafting yet.
- **It was suggested that signage warn about feeding ducks and geese.**

5. Membership:

- Grace reports dues for 12 memberships received since the database went down.
- Susan Stein was unable to use the website to submit membership.
- Grace made arrangements to receive her check.

6. Volunteers

- **Susan Stein expressed interest and Laura will send Steward information.**

7. Social Media: There was little to report about social media.

8. Website Update:

- An additional \$200 was allotted to the website at September's meeting.
- Jenny said there has not been a bill yet.

9. New Business

- **Laura may present a plan for pond gardening at the next meeting.**

10. Long Term Projects:

- Some board members walked the perimeter with Jeff Kelly.
- **Felton expressed the need for a report on action items.**
- **Laura said a plant ID app is a good idea.**

Meeting adjourned 7:48

Next meeting November 27