

BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
101st Meeting, Monday, January 29, 2017, 1 PM
Unapproved Minutes

Present for a Quorum: Dorothy Allard, Alice Foote, Larry Krygier, Mary Lumbra, Pat Evans

Call to Order: D Allard, 1:07 pm

Approve Minutes of January 8 meeting. meeting: Motion by Larry, second Mary. A few edits of typos were made.

Financial report, Mary Lumbra: The latest report from the town treasurer was \$2,449.28 as of 12-30-2017.

However, a deposit of \$95 for one month's portalet donation was made on January 16, 2018, bringing the total to \$2544.28.

Bakersfield Community Trails: A discussion was held about the potholes that are present on Shattuck Mountain and that have been studied by Steve Wright of the University of Vermont. (These are near some of the Shattuck Mountain Trails.) A trip to the potholes would be a good field trip for the commission, so long as we had a geologist to explain how the potholes formed. We also discussed how the center of town may be on what was once a glacially formed delta, which is why it is so sandy.

Alice discussed ownership of the property on the east side of the Historical Society where one of our trails is located. Our trail borders the lot. This land may be owned by the town or by the cemetery, or there may be two lots that abut each other. The land owned by the school may be a subject of discussion once the school merges with Berkshire under Act 46. This may affect our trail.

Bakersfield Town Park: Larry has put up two tarps to cover openings in the carriage barn, donated by Dorothy who is downsizing.

We have a couple of trees to be cut up along the town park trail. There is one near the bottom of the steps but Pat has opened up the trail through that area; one tree that is hanging may come down. Larry will ask someone from the town road commission to look at the tree and see if they can remove it. Pat says that there is another tree near the cemetery that also needs to be cut. Pat says he has tramped a trail through to the stream on snowshoes. Alice reports that Boy Scouts help with trail maintenance in some communities. This may be of use for us if we need some help.

Disposal of BBC equipment: The Fire Department took a 50 ft. tape and a clip board and the town took the rest of the materials: a 50 ft tape, two clipboards and six vests. So the BCC equipment used for our former culvert inventory has been distributed for other town use. The broken canopy will be discarded.

Annual Report: Dorothy sent the Annual Report approved at our last meeting to the town clerk to put in the town's annual report.

Upcoming Events, Announcements, Other Business: We have scheduled a walk/snowshoe on the rail trail for February 18, 1 PM. We will meet at the trail crossing on Whitney Road. Ambitious walkers can make a round trip along the town roads back to the trailhead for a three mile walk, or a shorter walk may be had going out and back along the trail. Historical Society plans a sugar on snow party on March 25.

Sights and Sounds of the Season: Alice discussed some interesting tracks on her property that she thinks may be those of a baby moose. Dorothy had snowshoe hare tracks on her property that were at least ten feet apart. Alice shared some photos from the historical society of a blacksmith at work and a building in town with an old street lamp. A bald eagle has been sited many times along Black Creek.

Next meeting date: February 26, 2018, 1 PM. Adjourn: 2:15 pm.