

BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
100th Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2017, 1 PM
Approved Minutes

Present for a Quorum: Dorothy Allard,, Alice Foote, Larry Krygier, Carolyn Bronz

Call to Order: D Allard, 1:06 pm

Approve Minutes of November meeting: Approved as written.

Financial report, Mary Lumbr: \$2,449.28 on hand.

Bakersfield Community Trails: Steve Wright, a geologist at UVM, brought his class to study the potholes around Shattuck Mountain, and noted that quite a few trees were down. He volunteered to bring a group to help clear the trail. Date to be determined.

Bakersfield Town Park: Discussion - should a tarp be put up over the open door? We need to either buy a new one or see if there's one available which would fit. We will authorize Larry to buy a new tarp for this purpose. Alice wondered if Tyvec would be better than a tarp. It would be hard to put it up as it is so flexible and must be nailed down. Alice wondered if anyone investigated whether it was the wind, or the beavers, that took down the trees on the Town Park Trail. Not known at this point.

Discussion: Posting of Minutes on Website: Minutes have been posted on the Town website.

Review and Approval of Annual Report: Members read and reviewed the BCC report written by Dorothy, and approved it for inclusion in the Town Report.

Storage of BCC Equipment: Because there are a number of items being stored at Dorothy and Bill's house, we need to find other means of storage for these. One is a canopy and case, of which one of the accordion joints is broken so it is not usable as is; discussion ensued about what to do with it. Give it to somebody? Post on Front Porch Forum? These canopies seem prone to breaking especially in the wind, or if you are setting it up by yourself. The decision was made to dispose of it. There are several clipboards, bright orange vests, and some 50-ft tapes left over from our culvert inventory project; Alice suggested that maybe the high school could use some of this, but possibly in the future our Commission might find a use for them. There are signs that were made for the Old Stagecoach trail, some trail number markers, and a big poster that was made for one of our booths. Larry said some equipment is stored in the old firehouse. Maybe the Fire Dep't could use some of our items. Things could also be stored upstairs in the Town Hall. The decision was made for Larry to contact the Fire Dep't people, town garage people, etc. to see if anyone might be able to use these items.

Upcoming Events, Announcements, Other Business: Discussion of whether we will host another winter walk. Possibly from Whitney Road to Lost Nation for about a mile on the old railbed, and back on the road, for a 3 mile walk. The date of February 18th was proposed for this event.

Sights and Sounds of the Season: Alice shared a snowflake chart showing how precipitation, from rain through many different forms of sleet, ice pellets, and snowflakes, form according to temperature. We are seeing tree sparrows, nuthatches, juncos, blue jays, chickadees at our feeders. Few or no gray squirrels; they are in the woods because there are lots of cones.

Date for next meeting: Monday, January 29, 2018, 1 pm

Adjourn: 2:10 pm