

**TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
AT 6:00 P.M. ON
THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2016
AT HOLLEY HALL, BRISTOL VT**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Ken Johnson (KJ), Chair; Pete Diminico (PD) Vice-Chair; Katie Reilley (KR), Clerk; David Rosen (DR); Kristen Underwood (KU); Randy Durand (RD); Devlin Rutherford (DvR).

ALSO ATTENDING: No public present.

- I. Call to order.
Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.
- II. Public comment period.
- III. Addition of items to the agenda. (Moved to New Business)
 - A. Members attendance
- IV. Approval of minutes of 11 February 2016.
Ken made a spelling correction to Item VI. A.
KU moved that the minutes of 11 February 2016 be approved; DR seconded; approved by all.
- V. Correspondence
E-mails related to items listed below.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Hogback Walking Trail: Proposal by the Watershed Center to develop a trail off Mountain Street in Bristol; on-going discussion.
Discussion focused on the current uses of The Watershed Center. Several commissioners have attended classes held on the property, hiked the trails, and have been members of the Watershed Center. Randy spoke with David Brynn about the Management Plan for the property. The general consensus was that the Conservation Commission will continue to stay involved. David Brynn welcomes suggestions.
 - B. Green Stormwater Infrastructure: Update regarding the stormwater management project at the corner of Main St. and Mountain St.
The project has not been completed. The drain by the driveway has yet to be installed. This item should be expanded to discuss other stormwater management topics, especially the cooperative program with Steve Libby to develop suitable green infrastructure projects. The Commission should be gearing up to redo the stencils applied last year to the wastewater manholes.
 - C. Bristol Village tree inventory: Follow-up coordination Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program; update.

Randy explained that the Management Plan is in its final editing stage, and will have to go to the Selectboard for final approval. The Plan will include a section that addresses potential funding sources for recommended implementation steps.

D. Saunders River Access: update.

Kristen discussed a recent erosion occurrence on Ken Weston's property, on the east bank of the river across from Saunders Access. This occurred as a result of a storm on February 25, 2016 in which the river reached its bank full level, equal to a 2-year flood event.

More plantings will be done this spring.

E. Monkton Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee: update.

No update.

F. Potential changes to Zoning Regulations regarding river corridor protection; update.

No update.

G. Request from Vermont Land Trust to use Conservation Reserve Fund monies to support a farm conservation project in Bristol.

No update.

H. Conservation Reserve Fund: appropriation request in 2016 Town Budget; results.

The request for \$10,000 for the CRF was approved.

VII. New Business

A. Green-Up Day Saturday May 7, 2016

Dave Rosen will be away prior to Green Up Day, but is coordinating with Randy to pick up and distribute the items provided by the Green Up Vermont organization. Randy will also advertise the event on Front Porch Forum. This year, as the town no longer has its own landfill, residents will take their Green Up Day garbage bags to the recycling center, where staff from R&L Rubbish will take the bags.

On Monday and Tuesday Town road crew will pick up any Green Up Day bags that have been left along the roadside and take them to Middlebury Solid Waste.

B. Members attendance

One of the current Conservation Commission members, Rick Taylor, has missed numerous meetings and has not notified the Commission of the reasons for his absence. Ken will contact Rick to see if he is still interested in being on the Commission.

VIII. Other

Kristen requested that the South Street historical walk be put back on the agenda. She will notify Commission member when she sets up a site inspection.

Randy discussed coordination with Bruce Babbitt on creating a Bristol/New Haven River map that highlights Eagle Park, Saunders Access and Sycamore Park. Once he talks with Bruce he'll come back to the Commission with more information before the map is finalized.

- IX. Upcoming events
- A. March 23 2016 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: meeting of Addison County Conservation Commissions, Salisbury Community School, Kelly Crossroad, Salisbury.
Kristen will check to see if the meeting is still scheduled. Pete will attend if it's still on.
 - B. March 31, 2016 7:00 p.m.: Vermont Family Forest public lecture entitled "The Art & Science of Forest Ecosystem Conservation"; registration details to be available at www.familyforests.org.
Event has been cancelled.
- X. Next Meeting Schedule and Agenda
Next meeting 14 April 2016
- XI. Adjournment
KU moved that the meeting be adjourned; DR seconded; approved by all.
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.