

**TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
AT 6:00 P.M. ON  
THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2016  
AT HOLLEY HALL, BRISTOL VT**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Pete Diminico (PD) Vice-Chair; Katie Reilley (KR), Clerk; David Henderson (DH); Kristen Underwood (KU); Randy Durand (RD); Devlin Rutherford (DvR).

**ALSO ATTENDING:** No public present.

- I. Call to order.  
Meeting called to order by the Vice-Chair, Pete Diminico, at 6:10 p.m.
- II. Public comment period.  
No public present.
- III. Addition of items to the agenda.  
See New Business.
- IV. Approval of minutes of 14 April 2016  
DH moved that the minutes of 14 April 2016 be approved; KU seconded; approved by all.
- V. Correspondence  
Therese Kirby provided a copy of the 2012 Conflict of Interest Policy for distribution to all Conservation Commission members. Given to members who were present; will be given to Ken Johnson and Dave Rosen.
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Green-Up Day: Saturday 7 May 2016: summary.  
Randy related that he could not get the tally of green bags collected from the Highway Department until later this week. However, he said that there were approximately 1.25 tons of tires retrieved, and enough trash picked up from Sycamore Park to fill the loader.  
Randy said they had more than enough official GreenUp day bags, distributing 50-75 bags on the Green Saturday morning. About 100 bags were distributed at the Town Hall. Lower Notch Road received a lot of attention, probably due to the sideslopes down to the stream, an area where people toss garbage.  
Randy also thought we might explore the opportunities provided by the internet that allow signing up for specific areas ahead of the actual date.
  - B. Green Stormwater Infrastructure: Vermont Community Fund Grant; potential projects.  
Pete mentioned that he had spoken with someone who lives on Mountain Street/ spring Street area who suffered damage and who might be interested in some stormwater mitigation work. Pete will contact Ken to get an item on Front Porch Forum.

- C. Bristol Village tree inventory: Follow-up coordination Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program; update.  
Randy received the Bristol Urban Forest Preliminary Management Plan. The Commission should review this plan for discussion at the next BCC meeting.
- D. Saunders River Access: update.  
Kristen related that the VTrans drone had passed over the New Haven River in the area of the Saunders Access. Results showed that there has been a great deal of movement of the New Haven River channel. It is likely that the river is changing its channel location from the western edge (by the Saunders Access) to the eastern shore which the erosion of Ken Weston's property demonstrates. The river appears to be moving to the location of the flood chute seen in the 1970s.  
The hardwood trees that were planted last year are not showing buds or leaves; the small conifers are doing better. It's unlikely that there will be any additional plantings this spring.
- E. Conservation Commission membership: update.  
Katie commented that she had received an email from the Town Office that indicated there was no record that Rick Taylor had been appointed to the Commission. Pete will contact Ken about putting an item in the Front Porch Forum and Katie will forward the Town email to Ken.
- F. South Street Historical Walk: update.  
No new activities or meetings scheduled.
- G. Sycamore Park: Phoenix King Proposed Eagle Scout Project: update.  
This was an item that Ken was following up on; PD will contact Ken about this item.

VII. New Business

VIII. Other

- A. Eagle Park: Pete thought we should be cleaning up the perennials and possibly fixing the picnic tables. The park fared well over the winter and spring.
- B. Randy related that Pam Correia had received some bare root trees from the Arbor Day Foundation or some similar organization. Randy will tend to the plants to get them in condition for planting at a town park in the future.

IX. Upcoming events

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X. Next Meeting Schedule

Next meeting: 9 June 2016

XI. Adjournment

KR moved that the meeting be adjourned; RD seconded; approved by all.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.