

**TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
11 July 2019
AT HOLLEY HALL, BRISTOL VT**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Katie Reilley (KR), Chair; Carolyn Dash (CD) Vice-Chair; Kristen Underwood (KU); Randy Durand (RD); Carla Fenner (CF); David Rosen (DR)
NONMEMBERS ATTENDING: Pete Dominico, Dave Henderson

- I. Call to order.
Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.
Carla volunteered to take minutes and take over Clerk duties.

- II. Public comment period.
 - A. Dave Henderson to discuss proposal for plaque at Eagle Park for Frank Buininconto who recently passed.
 - B. Pete Dominico to discuss proposed renovations to access at Eagle Park to address ongoing flood-caused erosion.

- II. A. Dave Henderson (taken out of turn)
Dave addressed the Commission and described his proposal to acquire and install a plaque for his friend Frank Buininconto who recently passed. Frank was an avid angler, and there is already a memorial plaque at the park. Dave proposes that Frank's plaque would be very similar to the existing one, installed within proximity to the existing plaque, on a large rock to walker's right going down the path towards the fishing platform. Dave is not seeking any funding from the Commission (the plaque will be privately funded).
KU moved that the Commission supports installing a plaque for Frank as described by Dave; CF Seconded; approved by all.

- II. B. Pete Dominico (taken out of turn)
Pete brought to the Commission's attention the fact that there are ongoing erosion concerns upslope from, and adjacent to, the cement walkway to Eagle Park platform. The 'surepack' aggregate path section that is upslope from the approximately 40 foot long section of cement is eroding and needed to be reinstalled. River flooding and rainfall runoff are causing erosion and will continue to undermine the path if nothing is done. Pete would like to see about getting the cement extended another approximately 30 feet up from the edge of the existing concrete. He also proposed that some crushed, angular stone could be installed along both sides of the existing section of cement path to address the erosion of aggregate. He also mentioned the possibility of pumping concrete into the voids that have eroded underneath the existing concrete.

The Commission and non-members discussed the ongoing nature of flooding at Eagle park and the diverse range of park users, including kayakers, picnickers/families, swimmers, and anglers. Currently with the eroded path, the platform would likely not be accessible by wheelchair. The issue of knotweed at the park was also brought up. Pete proposed that he will meet on site with the contractor who did the previous path work and get a rough estimate of cost and if he has a request for financial support from the Conservation Reserve

Fund. The anticipated timeline for the project would be fall of 2019. The question of potential permitting needs was raised but not enough is known at this point to determine if permit(s) would be needed.

Pete will let the Commission know of his progress/outcome of discussion with the contractor on estimated cost.

- III. Addition of items to the agenda.
Beaver Meadow Class I Wetland Public Hearing, and
Stormwater Master Plan 30% Engineering Drawings
- IV. Approval of minutes of June 13, 2019.
CD moved that the minutes of June 13 10, 2019 be approved; RD seconded; approved by all.
- V. Correspondence.
Richard Butz resignation from the commission (emails July 4 and July 5).
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Eagle Park cleanup and Pete Dominico request: no further discussion. Covered during Public Comment, see above.
 - B. Membership: confirm that Richard has communicated his resignation to the Selectboard.
 - C. South Street Interpretive Trail: VYCC has been working on the trail, and by next week the trail will extend all the way to the fire station.
 - D. Bristol Trail Network Update: No update on the main part. Regarding Memorial Park, the Selectboard reviewed the proposal from Porter Knight and has requested a revised scope and reduced cost. Porter is going to reapproach the Legion. Discussion on safety concerns with current condition of the bridge. Discussion on use pressure of Bartlett Falls and Lincoln Road swimming holes in general. Gabe Andrews (UVM Grad student) conducted a survey of people at Bartlett, learned that many use other Bristol amenities and buy goods and services when they are here to swim. Potential to work with UVM Senior Capstone project to do an assessment to help Porter or at least get ideas. Reapplication for grant funding by Porter will happen approximately January 2020, with design phase summer of 2020 if funded.
 - E. Town of Bristol Resources: Annual reports are uploaded to website. KD forwarded Richard Butz's resignation to Town Clerk. BCC to disseminate information at other town events. Ideas brought up include Concert on the Green (summer), Green Up Expo, Harvest Festival, EAB Information Session next week.
Work done on site last month. More to be done, with mulch on hand.
 - F. Bristol Pond Improvement Status: No Update.
Kristen discussed recent changes to overall approaches to the use and/or development of the Fuller property. No final decisions at this point.
 - G. Paul Fuller Parcel Status
Kristen discussed recent changes to overall approaches to the use and/or development of the Fuller property. It is currently listed for sale through ReMax. No final decisions at this point.

H. Sycamore Park Signage Status

Town will install the sign, but they need a stake in the ground to call DigSafe. Carolyn will reach out to Richard to see if he knows exactly where the sign should go. Discussion that the south/east side of the Sycamore Park driveway could make sense.

I. Forest Wildlife Corridor - Andrew L'Roe: upcoming meeting at the ACRPC to discuss the effort and mapping.

J. Forest Hero Network: No update. Carla will reach out to Richard and ask where he left off.

VII. New Business

Beaver Meadow Wetland Complex - Class I Public Hearing: Scheduled for July 16, 2019 in Ripton. Part of the wetland complex occurs in Bristol. Commission members encouraged to attend the hearing or make comment during the public comment period after the hearing.

Stormwater Master Plan 30% Drawings: Kristin brought the drawings and the Commission discussed initial reaction. The system appears to address stormwater treatment (water quality) rather than improve stormwater handling (water quantity); concern about installing treatment tanks under the town green. Tank location at Elementary School seems like a more reasonable idea.

VIII. Other: None

IX. Events: None

X. Next Meeting Schedule: Thursday, 8 August 2019

XI. Adjournment

Carolyn Dash moved that the meeting be adjourned; Kristen Underwood seconded; approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Fenner