REVISED August 21, 2019

Bristol Conservation Commission
APPROVED MINUTES
August 8, 2019
6:00 pm at Holley Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen Underwood, Katie Reilley, David Rosen, Randy Durand, Melanie Lloyd, Carla Fenner

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:03 by Chair
Approval of Minutes from 11 July 2019
RD move, DR 2nd

II. Public Comment Period

- *No members of the public present or new public comments*

III. Addition of Items to the Agenda

- *Harvest Fest Planning to be discussed next meeting*

IV. Correspondence

Emails with follow up from Pete Dominico on Eagle Park fishing platform

- *Nothing to discuss*

V. Old Business

A. Eagle Park: Recent clean up work; request by Pete Diminico to extend concrete sidewalk.

- *No new word from Pete on plaque for Frank, so this discussion will be tabled until Pete comes back with more information.*
- *Expression from a member and brief discussion about BCC taking the time to give thoughtful consideration to proposals like this in the future.*

B. Conservation Commission Membership: new members needed.

- *No FPF action taken since last meeting*
- *No targeted recruiting done since last meeting*
- *BCC members to 'advertise' and promote BCC at Harvest Fest*
- *Expression of interest from a woman resident earlier this spring? Katie to check*
- *old minutes to confirm name*
- *Idea for outreaching to high school students/young community members for*
- *Membership interest*

C. South Street Historical Interpretive Trail : Update.

- *Trash removal is noticeable and ongoing*
- *Members have walked the trail, now connects from South Street to Fire House*
- *Potential connection to Cold Spring Rd next year via small piece of Town-owned land*

D. Bristol Trial Network Update.
- *July 18 the BCC provided a letter of support for the VT Buildings and General Services grant Porter Knight is submitting for the 4-mile proposed loop trail around Bristol*

E. Town of Bristol Resources: Disseminating information regarding town natural and cultural resources.
- *No new items to discuss*

F. Paul Fuller Parcel: Status.
- *Discussion on status of parcel (currently entire parcel listed for sale with real estate company)*
- *Discussion to review the role of Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and the Vermont River Conservancy in River Corridor easement funding and process, and what would happen in terms of subdivision and site access if the Town were to be successful in purchasing a portion of the parcel.*

G. Sycamore Park Signage: Status.
- *RD talked to Eric, who looked up bill for the sign: $90 for sign and pole is $20*
- *RD contacted Tony May at the State: options of location are on the right before the driveway or on the left behind guardrail (if coming from the north/Bristol village)*
- *Next step is for BCC to put a stake in the ground at the preferred location and then Eric Cota will do the DigSafe call*

H. Forest Wildlife Corridors Andrew L'Roe, Forest Fragmentation: Status/Needs
- *KR and RD attended mtg with Addison Regional Planning Commission*
- *Discuss previous Gabe Andrews presentation*
- *Next step is to incorporate Natural Resources language (including River Corridors) into main body of the Regional Plan and get stakeholder review/input*
- *Timeline for BCC to review will be approx. 1 month (uncertain), which is fast turnaround time*
- *Discussion of what the consequences would be of not incorporating River Corridor provisions into Regional Plan: Could be loss of town financial support from state for emergency relief (uncertain on what the percentage is)*

- *Some Town residents may have opinion that River Corridor impinges on personal property rights*

  Forest strips are also tied in with |River Corridors

I. Forest Hero Fall Training Event: Status.

- *CF in touch with Elizabeth Spinney, we'll wait to hear from her on anything BCC can do to support*

J. Bristol Stormwater Master Plan: 30% Design Plan Discussion.

- *KU updates that Bristol Planning Commission, Valerie Capels, Erik Cota, Dana Allen from Watershed Consulting got together to present/review the 30% plans*
- *Discussion about justification for such large structures and associated expense for system designed to treat phosphorus only, when Town doesn't have confirmed issue with phosphorus*
- *There was recent August 5 presentation to Selectboard by Dana; uncertain how that went but should be available on NEAT TV*
- *There could be State grant funding to assist, but those haven't been pursued or fully explored yet*

VI. New Business

A. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) public meeting follow up; role of BCC in EAB response, planning, public information sharing

- *EAB specimen and bark samples passed around for inspection*
- *Discussion of ash trees on town-owned properties other than just the village (ie parks)*
- *Map of ash trees in the village (some question on accuracy) reviewed*
- *Schedule field day for members to go out and identify/GPS/map ash trees at Sycamore Park – set for Saturday August 10 at 4pm*
- *Selectboard is going to lead the charge to organize an EAB committee, BCC can participate*

B. Other

- *Bristol Pond: RD reports on fishing launch update from FWD, that is the implementation of the project will be next year at the earliest*
- *KU reports that the UVM Capstone Design class is going to put the Memorial Park assessment/planning on their list of projects; they'll reach out to KU for kickoff*

VIII. Events

X. Next Meeting Schedule:

September 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Holley Hall meeting room.

XI. Adjournment

DR move to adjourn. KU seconded.
Adjourn 7:08