

**Bristol Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes (DRAFT)**  
**January 9, 2020**  
**6:00 pm at Holley Hall**

Attending: Carolyn Dash (CD), Melanie Lloyd (ML), Randy Durand (RD), Dave Rosen (DR),  
Katie Reilley, Chair (KR); Jono Chapin (JC), Kristen Underwood (KU)  
Public in attendance: Lydia Menendez Parker, Vermont River Conservancy; Christopher Pepe

I. Call to order  
6:05 PM

II. Public Comment Period  
Taken under Item VI.E.

III. Addition of Items to the Agenda  
CD: Regional Conservation Partnership (see New Business Item D.)

VI. E. See item below; taken out of order.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from 12 December 2019  
Motion: CD; 2<sup>nd</sup>: ML; minutes approved

V. Correspondence  
None.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Conservation Commission Membership**

Carla Fenner has resigned due to work commitments. She may stay involved on the Emerald Ash Borer committee. There are now two open seats on the Commission.

**B. Bristol Trail Network: Update (includes any trails updates)**

KR noted the recent article in the Addison Independent on recent achievements of the BTN.

**C. Parks Updates:**

- Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore - None reported.

**D. Town of Bristol Resources: Disseminating information regarding town natural and cultural resources.**

CD reported that she is serving as a Commission representative to a group including Porter Knight, Ian Albinson, and Valerie Capels submitting a VT Outdoor Recreation (VOREC) grant due on 1/20 to support marketing and signage around ecotourism in Bristol.

CD reported that the Coffin Factory trail off South Street and the Bristol Town Green are again included in this year's "Come Alive Outside Winter Passport" activity sponsored by Addison County.

- E.** Paul Fuller Parcel: Discussion with Lydia Menendez regarding draft interim management plan; general discussion.

KU reported that a website has been prepared by the Vermont River Conservancy to receive tax-deductible donations toward acquisition of the 14.7-acre Fuller parcel. Lydia reported that the subdivision permit has been authorized by the Town of Bristol, separating the 14.7 acres protected by a river corridor easement from the remainder of the Fuller Trust lands. Lydia led a discussion around revising the existing Saunders River Access interim management plan to cover both the Fuller parcel and Saunders River Access parcel once they are merged following expected town acquisition of the Fuller parcel. Discussion involved approved and conditional uses, access, and services, as well as a name for the merged parcels. Lydia will compile feedback in a draft plan to be sent to the Commission prior to next meeting. Commission will review the draft plan and vote on a recommendation to the Selectboard. A management plan is a requirement of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, who have granted monies toward parcel acquisition. Lydia also requested that the Town designate a volunteer site steward.

- F.** Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) response plan: Update  
Valerie Capels is submitting a grant application (due 1/17) to the Urban Forestry program to support formation of a town EAB committee and drafting of a strategic plan for EAB management. The Selectboard has approved calling for volunteers to serve on the committee.

- G.** Update to Town Plan: River Corridor planning  
RD will contact Andrew L'Roe again for schedule.

- H.** Association of Conservation Commission (ACVV) – dues pay update  
KR: dues are paid

## **VII.** New Business

- A.** Annual Report for 2019; review.  
KR: Annual Report was submitted to the town on 1/7.

**B. Green Up Day; planning.**

CD: This May will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Green-Up Day in VT. CD is coordinating with Richard Butz (Bristol Energy Committee) and Selectboard member Ian Albinson to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Greenup Day EXPO on the green. This event will showcase energy conservation and alternative energy ideas, and will provide entertainment and food vendors to facilitate a community gathering after Green-Up Day activities. Conservation Commission will have a table again to disseminate info re: the town's natural and cultural resources, and advertise for new members.

**C. Photo calendar: Crown jewels of Bristol.**

JC and RD agreed to form a sub-committee to explore the development of a photo calendar to increase awareness of the town's natural and cultural resources, and possibly raise funds for educational activities.

**D. Regional Conservation Partnership.**

CD reported that Laura Farrell (Monkton CC) is spear-heading a workshop around regional wildlife corridors, and has invited area Conservation Commissions. There will be a kick-off Steering Committee meeting in Jan or Feb for all who are interested. Bristol CC may "co-host" the event to enable use of the Holley Hall meeting space.

**VIII. Events**

X. A. Next Meeting Schedule: February 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Holley Hall meeting room.

B. Feb. 6, 2020 "Climate Friendly Forests" Lecture by Prof. William Keeton at 6:30 p.m. in Ilsley Library, Middlebury.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion: DR; 2<sup>nd</sup>: CD; Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.