

**Bristol Conservation Commission
Minutes (DRAFT)
December 12, 2019
6:00 pm at Holley Hall**

Attending: Carolyn Dash (CD), Melanie Lloyd (ML), Randy Durand (RD),
Katie Reilley, Chair (KR); Jono Chapin (JC), Kristen Underwood (KU)

I. Call to order
6:08 PM

II. Public Comment Period
None present.

III. Addition of Items to the Agenda
Annual Report for town meeting - under New Business.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from 14 November 2019
Motion: RD; 2nd: KR; minutes approved

V. Correspondence
None

VI. Old Business

A. Conservation Commission Membership

The BCC welcomed new member, Jono Chapin. One spot is still open on the BCC membership.

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

BCC reviewed and approved the draft letter from KR, Chair, in support of Porter Knight's application to the VT Forest Parks & Recreation department Recreational Trails Program for a new length of trail at Memorial Forest Park.

C. Parks Updates:

- Eagle - fishing platform and ramp await repairs from October floods. Pete Diminico is in touch with Valerie Capels and with contractors re: estimates for repairs. PD reported this week that plexiglass cover to kiosk was removed but remains on site. He will make repairs.
- Memorial - UVM senior engineering students are working on design for possible trail and bridge options. KU and Porter Knight attended 12/4/19 student presentation of preliminary design options. Their work will continue next semester.

- Sycamore - none reported

D. ANR DEC Clean Water Initiative Program - Grant Opportunities -
Remove from next agenda.

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

New brochures including select parks and natural sites in Bristol have been distributed to stores in town. RD raised discussion: possible calendar fundraising event using photographs of Bristol's natural and scenic spots. In March, during Town Meeting, instead of (or in addition to) the map of wildlife sightings, we could solicit citizen list of cherished natural spots.

F. Paul Fuller Parcel: Status.

KU shared a draft handout to be used in fundraising. KU presented on the 2013 Saunders River Access restoration project at the New Haven River Anglers Association meeting in Middlebury on 12/10/19, and took that opportunity to solicit donations to the adjacent Fuller parcel. Future fundraising possibilities include: Central VT chapter of Trout Unlimited; raffle of VT Folkrocker rocker. KU will ask Valerie about status of Andrew Johnson fund.

G. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) response plan: Update
CF is following up - not present to report.

RD noted Urban & Community Forest grants - due Jan 17, 2020

H. Update to Town Plan: River Corridor planning

RD will contact Andrew L'Roe at ACRPC to get an update on timeline.

I. Association of Vermont Conservation Commission (AVCC) - dues pay update
KR will check with Valerie to understand what dues are payable to AVCC

VII. New Business

KR will draft the Annual Report and circulate to the members - due in early Jan to Valerie.

VIII. Events

IX. Next Meeting Schedule: January 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Holley Hall meeting room.
On next agenda, add: Green Up Day planning, including the Expo on the Green.

X. Adjournment

Motion: CD; 2nd: RD; Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm