

**Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC) Minutes
(DRAFT)**

February 14, 2020
6:00 pm at Holley Hall

I Call to order: 6:04 pm

II Public Comment Period: none

III Addition of Items to the agenda: none

IV A The motion to approve the minutes of the 9 Jan 20 meeting (ML), seconded (DR), was approved.

V Correspondence

- A. The February 5, 2020 email from the Town Administrator regarding the 2020 AARP Community Challenge: tabled
- B. The email dated 28 Jan 20 from KU regarding the history of the CRF mentioned that the CRF has been used to leverage grants for town-owned properties (e.g. South Street Coffin Factory and River Bend Trails, and the Memorial Forest Park design).

VI Old Business

- A. Conservation Commission Membership
 - 1. Katie Reilley to resign effective 12 Mar 20.
 - 2. Jeff Lundstead attended to observe the agenda of the BCC.
- B. Bristol Trail Network (BTN) update: PK is applying for a grant to install benches along the BTN
- C. Parks Updates: Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, PK mentioned the late May availability of a Middlebury pedestrian bridge for Memorial Park. The proposed bridge will be located upstream of the existing bridge. Sycamore Park needs to have its trail network cleared of debris and knotweed. The repair of the universal fishing platform is being investigated. Alex Mihovics (Ass't Rec Dir) and Genaro Valant (intern) expressed interest in working with the BCC on student projects. The consensus of the BCC was to be supportive and interactive with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- D. Town of Bristol resources: Disseminating information regarding town natural and cultural resources: PK is working on a grant (Vt. Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative) to increase recreational information and opportunities in Bristol.
- E. Paul Fuller parcel. KU provided copies of the revised Fuller-Saunders Parcel Management Plan. It was suggested to include baseline ecological information in the appendices of this plan. The motion to approve the Fuller-Saunders Management Plan w/ Revisions (DR). Second (ML), was approved.
- F. Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan: Tabled.
- G. Update to Town Plan: River Corridor Planning. Andrew L'Roe (ACRPC) will be attending a BPC meeting in the Spring.

VII New Business

- A. Green-Up Day update: postponed until next meeting
- B. Photo Calendar: Discussion of costs of Holley Hall 2017 Calendar & Middlebury Lions Calendar and 802 Printing Press (Vergennes, Greg Lutton)
- C. IA and PK discussed the scope of the Conservation Reserve Fund (CRF). There was a suggestion to develop a separate fund to leverage grants that did not fit the CRF guidelines. The BCC consensus was to not expand the CRF options but to encourage the Select Board (SB) to develop a separate fund (i.e. Opportunity Fund)

VIII Events

- A. 2/27/20 "Climate Friendly Forests," 6:30 pm Isley Library
- B. 2/29/20 Hemlock Wolly Adelgid workshop, 9:00 am Holley Hall
- C. refer to <www.vt.communityforestry.org> for upcoming town forest recreation workshops

IX Next Meeting: 12 Mar 20

X Adjourn Motion (KU), seconded (DR), was approved 8:20 pm

