

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

March 12, 2020
6:00 pm at Holley Hall

Attending: Jono Chapin (JC), Carolyn Dash (CD), Randy Durand (RD), David Rosen (DR),
Kristen Underwood (KU)

Public in Attendance: Jocelyn Forand, Mrs. Gallivan, Mt. Abe 8th graders - Jocelyn Davis,
Hannah Gallivan, Sam Mangini, Alex Vokerder

I Call to order: 6:03 pm

II Public Comment Period: none

III Addition of Items to the agenda: Regional Conservation Partnership update

VII New Business (taken out of order)

A. Saunder's River Access. Four of Jocelyn Forand's Science class presented their research about improving the water quality of L. Champlain for Spiny softshell Turtles. They received a \$300.00 grant from Otter Creek Audubon to purchase trees in order to help stabilize the riverbank at the Saunder's Access. They hope to reduce erosion of the riverbank from high water events. The lesser sediment load would help the turtles to be successful in L. Champlain. They presented their research to the BCC and followed up with a number of questions. The BCC thanked the students for their effort and offered to support them in their search for silver maple and willow plantings.

IV The motion by JC to approve the minutes of 13 Feb 20 passed.

V Correspondence

The Association of VT Conservation Commissions 2019 Annual Report was received and filed.

VI Old Business

A. Conservation Commission Membership: This was Katie Reilley's last meeting. She will be greatly missed for her long term experience on the BCC, leadership, inciteful comments, tireless secretarial service, and history of volunteering to help with BCC projects! There are now three vacancies on the BCC

B. Bristol Trail Network (BTN) update: Porter Knight did not receive a grant for the improvement of Memorial Park. She will reapply for next year's grant opportunity.

C. Parks Updates: Pete Diminico is working on getting an estimate for the repair of the flood damaged platform at Eagle Park. A suggestion was made to improve the downstream beach access part of Sycamore Park.

D. Town of Bristol resources: CD is working on updating the information on the BCC website.

- E. **Paul Fuller parcel.** The Select Board approved the Fuller-Saunders Management Plan. The closing on the property has been delayed until the end of this month. \$33,620 was raised to help close the deal.
- F. **Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan:** Tabled.
- G. **River Corridor Planning & Forest Fragmentation:** No News.
- H. **Green-Up Day (GUD) Planning:** DR & JC agreed to be present at the BCC table on GUD. Plans are being considered for a GUD raffle, a wildlife sighting board, et al.
- I. **Photo Calendar:** 802 Printing would be happy to help. Fund raising and grants need to be explored to raise about \$6,000 to cover the cost of printing. This effort may be better timed for a 2022 Calendar.
- J. **Conservation Reserve Fund update:** Information about the CRF needs to be added to the BCC website. KU prepared a summary of the BCC CRF expenditures.

VII New Business

- A. See Above (taken out of order)
- B. Regional Conservation Partnership: Laura Farrell is preparing a summary of the 7 Mar 20 meeting.

VIII Events. None

IX Next Meeting: 9 Apr 20

X KU moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Passed

