Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC) Minutes

Nov 11, 2021

Location: Holley Hall conference room and Zoom*

Members Present: Kristen Underwood, Vice Chair (KU), Zelie Smith (ZS), Alex Smith (AS)

Members of the Public: Nancy Morrison, Porter Knight

I Call to order:

ZS made a motion to start the meeting. As seconded the motion. The meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM.

IV Review and approval of minutes from Oct 14th

AS made a motion to approve the minutes from October 14th. ZS seconded the motion. The minutes from the October BCC meeting were approved.

V Correspondence

The BCC is invited to join a discussion about Addison County forests led by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission on November 17th.

VI Old Business

A. Conservation Commission Membership

a. A member of the public may be interested in joining.

B. Bristol Trail Network (BTN)

- a. Porter Knight provided these updates on the BTN:
 - i. The business park section of the BTN will reopen this weekend.
 - ii. The dump section of the trail has been closed during regular work hours- it will possibly be fully open by christmas.
- b. The BTN now has permission from a private landowner to extend the trail network north from the dump. The trail network will extend to Plank Road.

C. Parks Updates:

- a. Eagle Park:
 - i. BCC member removed the sumac from the perennial garden.
 - ii. The engineers shared updated plans for the fishing platform that address the safety issues around removing the platform's side rails during times of potential flooding.

b. Sycamore-

- i. Tire debry and tire marks were found at Sycamore park. A VT license was found on the scene and turned in.
- ii. The partially fallen apple tree has been reinforced.

c. Town Green -

i. The park has seen a lot less litter since the garbage bins were reinstalled.

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ii. Playground was decorated for Halloween by an unknown party. In future years the Recreation Department would like to know beforehand so they can facilitate cleanup after the holiday.

D. Illegal Dumping Sites:

a. Bristol pond was cleaned up and has remained clear of debris

E. Memorial Park Management Plan discussion-

a. The BCC is on track to complete a draft of the Memorial Park Management Plan within the next couple of months.

F. Lewis Creek Association-

a. LCA submitted a grant application to continue the boat stewardship program. A boat steward shadow day will be scheduled in the spring.

IX Next Meeting: December 9, 2021

X Adjournment

AS put forward a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by ZS. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.