

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

Feb 10, 2022

6:00 pm

Location: Zoom\*

**Members:** Carolyn Dash, Chair (CD), Kristen Underwood, Vice Chair (KU), Nancy Morrison, Helen Young, Jono Chapin, Zelig Smith, Alex Smith

**Members of the Public:** Christine Lathrop, Linda Shiller Cormany, Jim Quaglino, Jim Lienau and Brenda Myrik, Alex Mihavics, Amos Martin, Anonymous Observer

### **I Call to order:**

The February 10th BCC meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

### **II Public Comment Period**

Some of the members of the public present at the meeting were landowners whose properties are located in the vicinity of the latest addition to the Bristol Trail Network (north from the old dump trail). Land owners raised concerns about the trail's current location (and proposed location) and how it may negatively impact privacy, property value, and wetland/wildlife conservation. The landowners are asking that new trail location proposals be put forward and that affected landowners have a right to participate in the decision making.

The BCC is not in charge of this project but will help these landowners connect with the Bristol Recreation Club who spearhead the Bristol Trail Network. The BCC will look into how the trail may impact the ecosystem health of that area.

### **III Addition of Items to the Agenda**

#### **IV Review and approval of minutes from Jan 13, 2022**

KU put forward a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2022, JC seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

### **V Correspondence**

There were no new correspondences this month.

### **VI Old Business**

- A. **Conservation Commission Membership-** no updates
- B. **Bristol Trail Network (BTN)**
  - a. See section II "Public Comment Period" for public updates about the BTN. No BTN representative was present at the meeting.
- C. **Parks Updates:**
  - a. Sometime around April the Rec Department will oversee maintenance repairs to the playground structure on the town green. Around the same time the Rec Department will refresh the wood chips around the play structure.
- D. **Illegal Dumping Sites:**
  - a. Gilmore Road turn-around has been cleaned out.
- E. **Website-**
  - a. 2021 Annual Report will be added to the website.
- F. **Edith Stock Trust**

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- a. A couple BCC members will meet at Sycamore Park this month and determine how much pruning the apple trees need. They will report back in March and the BCC will organize a pruning workday.

### **G. Memorial Park Management Plan**

- a. BCC approved the draft of the Memorial Management Plan and will send it to the Selectboard for review.

### **H. Town Plan 2020:**

- a. BCC has completed a draft of the Memorial Park Management Plan.

### **I. Tree planting committee**

- a. **Johnson requested** this fund, left to Bristol by Andrew Johnson, will support planting trees in Bristol to replace lost ash trees.

### **J. ARPA committee -**

- a. This committee will have their first meeting in early March. Helen Young will be the representative for the BCC.

### **K. Green Up Day 2022**

- a. Green up day will remain “hands free” this year due to the pandemic. Meaning that bags will be available for pick up at a variety of locations including Holley Hall

### **L. Conservation reserve fund**

- a. BCC reviewed the Conservation Reserve Fund. This fund is to support conservation issues in Bristol. Details can be found on the BCC website.

## **VIII Events**

A workday at Sycamore Park will be scheduled at the next meeting.

## **IX Next Meeting: March 10, 2022**

## **X Adjournment**

Zelie Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Morrison seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.