

Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC) Minutes
Draft Minutes
March 10, 2022
6:00 pm Zoom*

In attendance: Carolyn Dash, Chair (CD), Kristen Underwood, Vice Chair (KU), Zelig Smith (ZS), Alex Smith (AS), Helen Young (HY), Nancy Morrison (NM), Jono Chapin (JC)

Absent: Dave Rosen

Members of the Public: Alex Mihavics, Jim Quaglino, Amos Martin, Jim Lienau and Brenda Myrick, Neat TV filming

I. Call to order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II Public Comment Period

None

III Addition of Items to the Agenda

IV Review and approval of minutes from Feb 10, 2022

Moved NM, Seconded AS, approved

V Correspondence

None

VI Old Business

Conservation Commission Membership- no updates

Meeting modality flexibility: Act 78 updates

“Under Act 78, public bodies are authorized until January 15, 2023 to hold fully remote public meetings. Public bodies holding fully remote meetings must use

technology that permits attendance of the public, must allow access by telephone, and must post and include in each meeting agenda info that enables direct access and participation.” <https://sos.vermont.gov/municipal-division/open-meetings/>

Meet outdoor when it warms up; April meeting on Zoom; May, Rec. Field.
Future meetings: in conference room in Holley Hall has “OWL” technology which allows Zoom AND public attendance.

Bristol Trail Network (BTN) – continue discussion. Contributions from Amos Martin, Jim Leno and Brenda Myrick.

We have already helped connect the Plank Rd citizens with Bristol Rec Club leaders (they have all met) and have been notified of an upcoming walk with Zapata Courage once snow melts. Volunteer to join walk with Zapata: HY

What is our role? The trail placement seems like a private matter between the residents and Bristol Rec Club. The BCC will not provide an official liaison to be present for their meetings

Plank Road visitors to this meeting are concerned about the effect of this trail on wildlife in the area; discussed how to (and when) to do studies to examine wildlife crossings in this area. Associate of VT Conservation Commissions has funds (proposals due on April 8); AS (with assistance from KU) will try to begin the process of writing a grant for these funds; we’ll discuss if this is an appropriate avenue at our next meeting /

Invite Porter to talk to us AFTER the Zapata Courage walk and property line dispute settled

Parks Updates:

Sycamore Park:

AM: future volunteer work day at Sycamore Park; CD will send out Doodle Poll to plan work day.

Apple trees crew: We decided that we can take care of the apple trees ourselves (prune), no more spraying; pruning will take place after March 15, coordinated by JC

Eagle Park:

KU: fishing platform; waiting for FEMA approval to replace platform and improve it. Selectboard agenda item for next Monday (3/14) to approve Dock Doctors to fix bracket attachments to boulders.

KU make a motion to support this; HY seconded - all in favor

Memorial Park:

Memorial Park Management Plan on March 14 Selectboard agenda

Town Plan 2020: start next management plan for Eagle Park. Tabled until April meeting.

Create calendar: consider 2022 tasks and annual tasks . CD will create GoogleDoc so that we all can contribute to list of tasks to be included; we'll discuss this in April.

Operating budget: discuss best uses; fencing for pollinator garden; cork board for kiosk. AM will submit budget for repairs at Sycamore Park. Will discuss in April

Request from Bristol Town Committee: Bristol Climate Change Forum on Wednesday, April 13th at 7 pm. They want representation from BCC, articulating what we are doing WRT climate change; JC can represent BCC

Illegal Dumping Sites: no updates

Website- only small update,

Edith Stock Trust- updates and discussion. CD will find out how much money remains; we'll discuss at April meeting ideas on how to use these funds (to support the birds of Bristol)

Tree planting committee: updates. AM: They have met and brainstormed about plans.

ARPA committee: updates: HY on committee; first meeting on 3/7/2022 ; we'll meet monthly on 1st Monday of each month

Green Up Day May 7th, 2022: No updates

Meeting ended at 7:33.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2022